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3353	12/29/58	SA memo to file and attachment	7	0	
3354	12/30/58	WFO airtel to HQ	4	—	See NY 100-109849
3355	12/30/58	NY letter to CV	7	0	
3356	12/31/58	SD report to HQ	12	12	
3357	1/2/59	HQ letter to PX	1	1	
3358	1/8/59	PX letter to HQ	1	1	
3359	1/9/59	HQ letter to NY	1	1	
3360	1/9/59	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
3361	1/9/59	SE letter to HQ	1	1	
3362	1/9/59	CG letter to HQ	2	2	
3363	1/12/59	NY airtel to HQ	1	0	
3364	1/12/59	NY letter to NK	3	0	

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3365	1/13/59	HQ letter to NY	1	1	
3366	1/13/59	SA memo to file	1	0	
3367	1/14/59	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
3368	1/14/59	HQ letter to BS	1	1	
3369	1/17/59	SA memo to file	3	0	
3370	1/19/59	SA memo to file	1	1	
3371	1/20/59	WFO letter to NY	3	—	SEE NY 100-109849
3372	1/20/59	PH letter to HQ	2	2	
3373	1/21/59	SA memo to file	2	0	
3374	1/21/59	SA memo to file	2	0	
3375	1/21/59	SA memo to file	2	—	See NY 100-109849
3376	1/22/59	SA memo to file	1	—	See NY 100-32158

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3377	1/22/59	SA memo to file	1	0	
3378	1/23/59	LA airtel to HQ	1	0	
3378A	1/23/59	SF report to HQ	18	-	Bufile 65-58236
3379	1/23/59	SA memo to file	4	0	
3380	1/23/59	SE letter to HQ	1	1	
3381	1/23/59	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
3382	1/26/59	CG report to HQ	25	-	Bufile 65-58236
3382A	1/26/59	SA memo to file	6	0	
3383	1/29/59	SA memo to file	5	0	
3383A	1/30/59	SL airtel to HQ	2	0	
3383B	2/6/59	SA memo to file	2	0	
3384	2/3/59	NY letter to HQ and attachment	5	-	See NY 100-109849

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<u>3385</u>	<u>2/3/59</u>	<u>NY letter to HQ</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	
<u>3386</u>	<u>2/3/59</u>	<u>NY letter to BU</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>3387</u>	<u>2/3/59</u>	<u>BA letter to HQ</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>3388</u>	<u>2/4/59</u>	<u>SA memo to file</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>See NY 100-109849</u>
<u>3389</u>	<u>2/4/59</u>	<u>SA memo to file</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>3390</u>	<u>2/4/59</u>	<u>SA memo to file</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>3391</u>	<u>2/6/59</u>	<u>SE letter to HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>3392</u>	<u>2/6/59</u>	<u>WFO airtel to HQ</u> <u>and attachment</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	
<u>3393</u>	<u>2/6/59</u>	<u>NY letter to HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>3394</u>	<u>2/6/59</u>	<u>SA memo to file</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>3395</u>	<u>2/6/59</u>	<u>WFO letter HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>3396</u>	<u>2/9/59</u>	<u>HQ letter to NY</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	

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3397	2/9/59	BS letter to HQ	2	2	
3398	2/6/59	SA memo to file	5	0	
3399	2/6/59	SA memo to file	3	0	
3400	2/6/59	CG airtel to HQ	2	0	
3401	2/6/59	SA memo to file	3	0	
3402	2/6/59	SA memo to file	2	0	
3403	2/6/59	PH report to HQ	22	22	
3404	2/12/59	HQ letter to NY	1	1	
3405	2/9/59	3rd party letter to NY	1	1	
3406	12/6/58	Report to National Committee	6	0	
3407	2/6/59	SA memo to file	1	0	
3408	2/6/59	SA memo to file	3	0	

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3409	2/12/59	SA memo to file	2	2	
3410	2/12/59	NY letter to 3rd party	1	1	
3411	2/12/59	SA memo to file	4	0	
3412	2/12/59	AL airtel to HQ	1	0	
3413	2/12/59	SA memo to file	2	-	See NY 100-109849
3414	2/12/59	SA memo to file	5	0	
3415	2/12/59	SA memo to file	2	-	See NY 100-109849
3416	2/12/59	SA memo to file	3	0	
3416A	2/12/59	SA memo to file	3	-	See NY 100-109849
3417	2/13/59	SA memo to file	5	-	See NY 100-109849

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 11/19;12/29/58	CONFIDENTIAL
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka., San Diego Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell		REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL P. CURTIS	TYPED BY mfc
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE

Report of SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS dated June 27, 1958 at San Diego.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed. T-symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the informants must be concealed.

This report has been classified "Confidential" since it contains information from [REDACTED] who are active security informants. The unauthorized disclosure of information provided by them might identify and jeopardize the informants and thereby adversely affect the internal security of the United States. **b7D**

Informants

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES: (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished to Los Angeles for information since it reflects a close alliance between the Los Angeles Sobell Committee and the San Diego Sobell Committee.

SAN DIEGO

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee

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Copy to:

Report of:
Date:SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS
DEC 31 1958

Office: SAN DIEGO

File Number:

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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka.,
San Diego Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell Defense Committee,
Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] MILTON LESSNER was chairman of the San
Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC). [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]A returned check dated 11/4/58
representing contributions from the SDSC was endorsed
by the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC), 462 North
Western Avenue, Suite Three, Los Angeles. Informants
conversant with subversive activities in the San Diego
area advised in November, 1958 that they had no current
knowledge of SDSC activity. b7D

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DETAILS:

GENERAL ACTIVITIESOn [REDACTED] made available an undated
letter which had been sent to him by WIDGE NEWMAN. "for
the committee", and bearing the heading "The Sobell
Committee" and which carried the title, "The Legacy".
The letter spoke of the work and sacrifice necessary to
make the freedom of MORTON SOBELL a reality. It urged
those receiving the letter to remember the ROSENBERGS
on this fifth anniversary (June 19, 1953) "of the faith
they kept in us ... by your deep concern for life of
MORTON SOBELL". b7DDECLASSIFIED BY 4543 jlk
ON 2/2/77~~CONFIDENTIAL~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF 12-1-58
DATE 3/1/77

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The accompanying envelope was self-addressed to the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC), 462 North Western Avenue, Suite Three, Los Angeles 4, California, a characterization of which is contained in the appendix hereto. Under the flap was a picture of MORTON SOBELL together with the following statements:

- ☒ Enclosed is my contribution and signature for freedom.
- ☒ I would like -- Petitions to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.
- ☒ I will join the Sobell Committee in my area.

Below this was space for name, address, and phone.

[REDACTED] advised IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD)
[REDACTED]

b7d

MORTON SOBELL was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union. He was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment in a federal penitentiary.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] made available an announcement of a program to be held July 25, 1958 at 4561 North Avenue, San Diego, California, which is headquarters for the Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF), a characterization of which is contained in the appendix hereto. The announcement stated the program was to be sponsored by the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), a characterization of which is contained in the appendix hereto. The front of the folded announcement contained a picture of HELEN SOBELL with the statement on the next page, "JOHN WINGATE interviews HELEN SOBELL", a sound film TV interview. Also on the program was a tape recording of a debate on the SOBELL case.

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Participants were ROY COHN, formerly of "Mc Carthy Senate Committee", versus Professor SHARP of the University of Chicago Law School. Admission was free; donations welcomed. The announcement appeared to be expensively printed by a union printer.

[REDACTED] identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] b7d

The CP and CPA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Professor MALCOLM SHARP, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, was advisor to the University Communist Club - HCUA Report dated August 25, 1956, entitled "Trial by Treason", the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, Page 52.

On June 19, 1953, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were executed, having been found guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, March 29, 1951.

[REDACTED] b7d
On [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MILTON LESSNER was a CP member. b7d

The Supreme Court of the United States on April 23, 1956 refused to consider a California Supreme Court decision upholding dismissal of HARRY C. STEINMETZ from San

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Diego State College on February 5, 1954 under the California Luckel Act for refusal to answer questions on January 28, 1954 concerning his CP membership.

On [REDACTED] made available a summer vacation CUP Newsletter (August, 1958) which reflected that on August 24, 1958 at 9:30 A.M. a breakfast deluxe jointly sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice (UFSJ) and the San Diego Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell would be held. b7d

[REDACTED] members of the CUP have organized the UFSJ in San Diego for the purpose of using that name when presenting "controversial" speakers. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

On November 26, 1958 [REDACTED] made available for examination a check number 2102 drawn on Superior Fabrics Company, 4421 Park Boulevard, San Diego, which is solely owned by MILTON LESSNER. Instant check was dated November 4, 1958 and was payable to "Sobell Committee" in the amount of \$25.00. On the description part of the check was the following: "Contributions from San Diego Sobell Committee". The endorsement read "Los Angeles Sobell Committee, 462 North Western Avenue, Suite Three, Los Angeles." b7d

The above information should not be made public without issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

[REDACTED] Bank of America Hillcrest Branch, San Diego may be subpoenaed in the event this information should be made public. b2d

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On [REDACTED] made available a flyer entitled "Our Gift to You ... The Clarions", which announced a concert to be held at the Oneira Club, 4649 Holly Boulevard, San Diego on Sunday December 7, 1958 from three to five P.M. and which would be sponsored by the "Sobell Committee". It requested a donation of \$1.00, but stated children would be admitted free and refreshments would be served. b7d

In November, 1958, informants who are conversant with subversive activities in the San Diego area advised they had no current knowledge of SDSC activity.

On [REDACTED] advised that he has no knowledge of the SDSC except that it consists of a small group of individuals which at times is engaged in work for the Sobell Committee and at other times lends assistance to other CP front groups. b7d

APPENDIX

COMMUNITY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

(OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"* * * when the Communists were expelled from the San Diego First Unitarian Church by the pastor, PETER SAMSON, they set up a competitive organization, the Community Unitarian Fellowship. This was designed to operate as a 'non-religious' front organization * * *. The Communist group was refused recognition both by the San Diego Unitarian Church and by the American Unitarian Association, the parent body of Unitarian churches in America."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 26).

APPENDIX

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LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE

The Los Angeles Sobell Committee is known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg - Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67 as "a local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles ... the Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee ...'".

A source advised that [REDACTED] SOPHIE DAVIDSON was a Communist Party (CP) member. **b7D**

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Aka.,
Morton Sobell Defense Committee;
Sobell Defense Committee;
San Diego Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell

A Confidential Source advised on May 1, 1957, the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), Aka., Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was organized on April 8, 1956, at San Diego, California to help obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Source further advised that the SDSC is an adjunct of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Aka., National Sobell Committee, New York, New York, which directs activities, policy and obtains financial support from the various Sobell committees throughout the country.

Another Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] MILTON HENRY LESSNER was chairman of the SDSC. **b7D**

A third Source [redacted] advised that [redacted] MILTON HENRY LESSNER was literature director of the San Diego County Communist Party. **b7D**

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis, its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL", the ROSENBERG's co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case". National Headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ. (Committee on Un-American Activities, report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell", August 25, 1956, pp 116 and 120).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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San Diego, California

DEC 11 1950

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL, aka., San Diego
Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell
Defense Committee, Sobell Defense
Committee, San Diego Committee to
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
Russell P. Curtis dated as above at San Diego concerning
captioned matter.

All informants utilized in the preparation of
this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, Phoenix (100-433)

January 2, 1959

Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR ROYAL SORRELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurairtel 12-24-58 in captioned matter. Your attention is directed to the fact that the words "International" in the character of reairtel should properly read "Internal."

Your attention is also directed to SAC Letter 58-60 (E) relating to the unnecessary use of airtels. The data set forth in reairtel is not of sufficient importance to warrant use of an airtel, and you should be guided by instructions set forth in the above SAC letter in the future.

Personnel responsible for preparation and approval of reairtel should be charged with form errors for the above errors.

1 - New York (100-107111)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)

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SAC, PHOENIX (100-4333)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
ISA of 1950
OO: NEW YORK

Rebulet to New York dated 11/14/58, bulet to Phoenix dated 1/2/59, and Phoenix airtel to Bureau dated 12/24/58.

Continued contacts with the Security Informants of the Phoenix Division have failed to disclose any information which would indicate that a representative to National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has been selected or will be selected.

Inasmuch as no pertinent information has been developed to date, no additional letters will be submitted to the Bureau UACB. Contacts with Security Informants will be continued and the Bureau will be immediately advised of any activity to select a representative.

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1 - New York (100-107111) RM
1 - Phoenix

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: January 9, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Bufiles reflect that your office submitted a pending inactive report concerning captioned matter on 7-7-58.

Advise when a report may be expected to reach Bureau. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau that your deadline is unacceptable, insure your deadline is met.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

1/9/59

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

ReBulet, 11/14/58, instructing WFO to determine
the identity of the local representative to the National
Sobell Committee.

WFO has received no information since WFO letter
12/24/58.

WFO will continue to report to the Bureau every
15 days as to the progress being made in this matter. P.

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1 - WFO

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) (REG.)

1/9/59

SAC, SEATTLE (100-22197)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

ReBulet to New York, November 14, 1958.

To date, the Seattle Office has received no pertinent information concerning selection of a delegate to the National Sobell Committee.

The status of this matter will again be reported to the Bureau by January 26, 1959.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

January 9, 1959

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

ReBulet to Chicago dated January 5, 1959.

On January 8, 1959, HAVEN PERKINS, former Executive Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) and former Midwest Organizer for the National Sobell Organization, was [REDACTED] contacted regarding Sobell Committee work at Chicago, Illinois. **b7E**

PERKINS advised that he is no longer connected with the Sobell organization, regionally or nationally. PERKINS said he "most amicably" separated himself from Sobell activity because of "tactical differences" among some of the Sobell people at Chicago. PERKINS said that DAVID SOLTNER should be consulted regarding Sobell business.

On January 8, 1959, [REDACTED] Mrs. DAVID SOLTNER advised that DAVID SOLTNER is one of a group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programming at Chicago. She said that none of the Chicago Sobell volunteers "have national positions of titles" and that HELEN SOBELL and ELL JACOBS of New York direct National Sobell work. Mrs. SOLTNER said that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains an office but has no full-time employees. **b7E**

[REDACTED] will continue, using discretion, to determine who, if anyone at Chicago, is a member of the National Committee of the Sobell organization. **b7D**

Chicago will give this matter continuing attention as instructed in relet.

2 - Bureau
1 - New York (100-107111)
1 - Chicago
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The New York Office is requested to contact Sobell sources to determine, if possible, if any member of the Chicago Sobell Committee, might be or is regarded as, a member of the National Committee of the Sobell Organization.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: January 13, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR AUSTON SCOBLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurairtel 1-12-59.

Your attention is directed to SAC Letter 58-60 (2) relating to the unnecessary use of airtels. The data set forth in reairtel is of a negative nature and of insufficient importance in view of the negative data to warrant use of an airtel, and you should be guided by instructions set forth in the above SAC letter in the future.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-307635)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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ReBulet 1/9/59 requesting information concerning
preparation of current report in captioned matter.

An investigative summary report in another matter
is currently in the process of preparation and has delayed
submission of a report in this matter. It is expected that
a report in this matter will reach the Bureau prior to
2/15/59.

2 - Bureau (100-307635) (RM)
1 - New York (100-107111)

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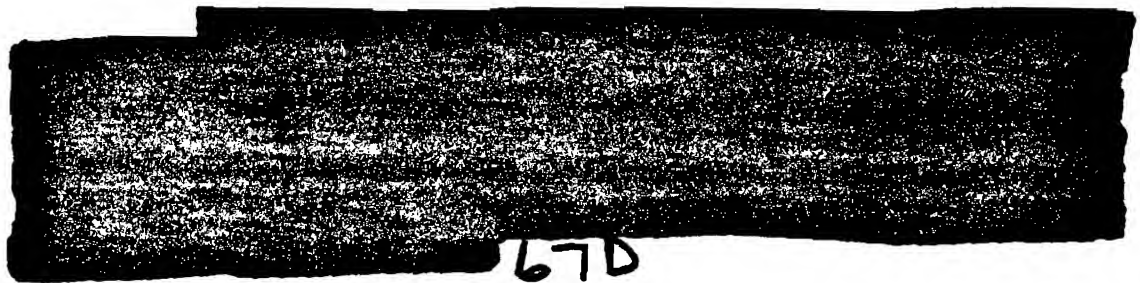
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January 14, 1959

Director, FBI (100-367835)

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Boston and Philadelphia should immediately conduct investigation to determine through confidential informants and sources affording coverage or having a knowledge of the activities of captioned organization, the identities of the representatives selected by local committees operating in their areas.

Philadelphia's attention is directed to Philadelphia letter to the Bureau dated 1-6-59 captioned "Socialist Workers Party; IS - SWP." Page three of this letter reflects that Pearl Cherney is believed to be a member of the national executive committee of the captioned organization.

Boston and Philadelphia should advise by 1-20-59 and each fifteen days thereafter of the progress of their investigations until the identities become known or information is developed that no further leads are to be collected from the mentioned office.

2 - Philadelphia (100-37667)
1 - New York (100-107111)


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SA PAUL A. JOHNSON, LHM

PLAINTEXT
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Identity of Source

[REDACTED] who has furnished
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Description of Info

Trash obtained from apartment of
ETHEL LYNN WILKINS, 207 East 25th
Street, NYC

Date received

12/4/58

Received by

SA PAUL A. JOHNSON

Original Location

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Greatest care must be used in handling and reporting
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP (3)
DATE 4/5/78 *clm*

Rebulet to Boston dated 1/14/59; St. Louis airtel (Cinal) to
Director dated 12/16/58, cc Philadelphia; and memo of SA SAM I. SHOEMAKER
to SAC Los Angeles dated 12/29/58, cc Philadelphia (interoffice).

Referenced St. Louis airtel in part reflects the following:

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The informants were unable to advise if PEARL
CHERNOV was a member of the National Committee and/or National Executive
Committee of the National SOBELL Committee. *67D*

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (R.M.)
- ① - New York (100-10711) (R.M.)
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 1 - 100-37667

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Confidential informants [REDACTED]

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pertaining to positions held in the local or national committees by **67D**
CHERTOV.

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Director, FBI (100-337835) (REG.)

January 23, 1959

SAC, Seattle (100-22197)

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FOR MORTON SOBELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Rebulet to New York letter of 12, 1958

2 - Seattle Office has no information regarding the
subject's national dialog for subject organization.

- 2 - Bureau (REG.)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (REG.)
- 1 - Seattle (100-22197)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

1/23/59

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SHAWNEE
FOR REGION SUBALL
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ReBulet, 11/14/58, instructing WFO to determine
the identity of the local representative to the National
Shawnee Committee.

WFO has received no information since WFO letter
1/7/59.

WFO will continue to report to the Bureau every
15 days as to the progress being made in this matter. P.

2 - Bureau
1 - New York (100-111111)
1 - WFO

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013)

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
IS-SWP

DATE: 2/3/59

NY 2434-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished on 11/29/58, information reflecting that the National Committee plenum of the SWP held its final sessions on that date at SWP Headquarters, 116 University Place, NYC.

- 2 - Bureau (100-16) (RM)
- 1 - Anchorage (100-1479) (INFO) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (100-1239) (INFO) (RM)

- 3 - Boston (100-442) (INFO) (RM)

- 4 - Buffalo (100-318) (INFO) (RM)

- 4 - Chicago (100-1012) (INFO) (RM)

(1 - 100-1012 (SOCIALIST YOUTH COMMITTEE) p. 10

- 3 - Cincinnati (100-1012) (INFO) (RM)

- 2 - Denver (100-2670) (INFO) (RM)
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3 - Minneapolis (100-1044) (INFO) (RM)

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2 - Mobile (100-111) (INFO) (RM)

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5 - New York (100-11-1) (INFO) (RM)

[REDACTED]

2 - Newark (100-11-1) (INFO) (RM)

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3 - Philadelphia (100-213) (INFO) (RM)

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3 - San Francisco (100-577) (INFO) (RM)

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1 - Seattle (100-3034) (INFO) (RM)

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Information furnished by NY 2434-S* regarding the first two days of the plenum, 11/27 and 28/58, have been set forth by separate communication:

The proceedings of the plenum of 11/29/58, are being set forth in instant letter with copies designated for the Bureau and appropriate files in NY and other offices.

Page numbers are set forth following the name of a subject in the list of copies of instant letter in cases where that individual or organization is mentioned infrequently.

It should be noted that in some cases NY 2434-S* was unable to furnish the full true name of a particular subject and in these cases identification has been made through prior information on a subject's alias.

[REDACTED]

According to NY 2434-S*, the plenum was called to order on 11/29/58, at 10:06 a.m., with the announcement that although behind schedule it was desired that the plenum be finished up on that date. A request was made that all discussions be held to the minimum.

It was then announced that discussion would continue (on the SWP youth movement).

The first speaker could not be identified by NY 2434-S*, but is believed to be ALLEN TAPLIN.

[REDACTED]

TAPLIN discussed the development of the "LEN" groups (Independent, Broad, Militant), which he said were formed to attract people from the CP periphery, the independents and social democrats. He said that the situation changed since that period, however, and it has now become possible to work with smaller groups which he described as cadres of the revolutionary socialist groupings around the "Young Socialist."

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TAPLIN stated that it was not fair to say that the orientation of the SWP youth program had been toward the petty bourgeois rather than the proletariat. He said that work in this line was done where the opportunities were and in these times it was on college campuses and in movements of the Negro people, such as the March on Washington.

TAPLIN continued that it was a working class ideology that was presented to the college group and once they were recruited that meant they had been won over to a working class policy. He emphasized that the editorial statements of the "Young Socialist" were revolutionary socialist in policy and were Trotskyist although admittedly not Trotsky's whole program. TAPLIN said that the "Young Socialist" put forward those things believed to best serve the building of a revolutionary socialist movement in this period.

TAPLIN was followed by an unidentified female speaker who attacked the speech given by MIKE KOVACS the previous evening. She said that he represented very little in the youth movement, just two people in NYC, who were overcome by pessimism. She cited the disagreement of the majority of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) with KOVACS. The speaker continued that the dispute between the majority and minority faction in the SWP was not going to be carried over into the youth movement and would not be discussed in the youth movement.

She stated further that KOVACS was wrong in thinking that just because a person was in college he was of the petty bourgeois element. She said that the type of opposition varied on different campuses in that on some it was easy to get into discussion groups and in some it was not.

The speaker concluded by saying that if nothing else was accomplished in the past two years, at least there had been a start on building and consolidating leadership in the revolutionary youth movement and a major role had been played in blocking any nationwide formation of a Stalinist youth group.

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NY 2434-S* was unable to furnish the name of the next speaker, but [REDACTED] it can be determined that he was CARL FEINGOLD. b7D

Continuing the discussion on youth, FEINGOLD said that the "Young Socialist" would in the future clearly establish its line as a revolutionary socialist paper in coordination with its regroupment line.

He further said that there had been a number of changes in the past year, one being that the CP had pulled their youth out of the Broad Independent youth organizations and created their own underground secret discussion groups. A second change was the fusion of the social democrats with the Snachtmanite groups (YSL-IPSL), who were now attempting to challenge the authority that 'we' have had in the youth field for the past year.

FEINGOLD said this made it necessary to tighten up the youth movement and for the "Young Socialist" supporters to come out with a stronger line against social democracy and against the Stalinists who have come out into the open.

This battle would have to be fought on the college campuses, according to the speaker.

NY 2434-S* was unable to furnish the name of the next speaker, but [REDACTED] it can be determined that he was VINCENT COPELAND. b7D

COPELAND spoke briefly in rebuttal to Comrade ALLEN in regard to the tactic of going into colleges to rescue the students from the bourgeoisie.

The following speaker, who could not be identified by NY 2434-S*, was DAN ROBERTS, [REDACTED] b7D

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Also speaking on the orientation of the youth movement towards college campuses, ROBERTS said that entire unions had been taken over by the CP in the upsurge of their movement by virtue of the fact that they had a large student representation. He said that the CP had taken all they could out of the student movement to use as cadres in the building of influence in the trade unions.

That, according to ROBERTS, is what the SWP youth program was proposing. He praised the tour of TIM MCNEILFORTH, which he saw as an opportunity for the SWP to pick up from 100 to 300 candidates, who at some future date could be deployed where the party wished to use them.

NY 2434-C* could not furnish the name of the next speaker, but [REDACTED] this was JOSEPH HANSEN. b7D

HANSEN criticized the Marcyste minority position, saying that their line did not work out in the youth field whereas the regroupment line of the majority had. He pointed out that circumstances had changed which had not been recognized by the minority. HANSEN stated that tactical adjustments were made according to the prevailing situation but the policy remained the same, which was the attempt to recruit people moving in the left direction, in our direction."

He continued that if the program advocated by MARCY was followed it would result in the handing over of the campus youth to the social democrats and the Stalinists. HANSEN said that it was on the campus that the challenge was and that in the estimation of the SWP majority there were a lot of proletarian youth there at this time. He said that he was one once himself.

NY 2434-C* could not furnish the identity of the next speaker, but [REDACTED] he was JAMES E. CANNON. b7D

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CANNON emphasized that youth work on the campus was more important today than ever because there was a far greater percentage of youth of proletariat and lower petty bourgeoisie there than ever before. CANNON concluded by praising the SWP regroupment policy.

The next speaker was a woman whose name could not be furnished by NY 2434-S*, but [REDACTED] can be determined to be COYLE COLEY. b7D

COLEY said she agreed with the comments of 'Comrade CANNON' on youth work. She then cited an example which occurred in the NY Local of the SWP at a time when she was chairman of its Youth Committee. She said that Comrade DAVE MILLER had submitted a memorandum on youth work to the Political Committee in November or December, at a time prior to the 20th Congress. COLEY said she later wrote to FAREBELL DOBBS, asking what the evaluation of the Political Committee had been, but had received no answer. When she was finally able to discuss this with DOBBS, she said that the 20th Congress had taken place and implied that the value of the MILLER memorandum had been lost.

COLEY claimed that the youth of this country felt that they were an exploited community. She decried the attitude of the press toward youth in that the impression was created that all the youth were juvenile delinquents. COLEY claimed that several students in Brooklyn high schools had been threatened in the past with the withholding of their graduation certificates because they refused to sign loyalty oaths. She said that if the Party had an active youth group they could have gotten in touch with these youngsters. Another issue cited by COLEY concerned a proposal by NYC that there be a curfew for everybody under the age of 18. She said that in her daughter's high school the CP got out a leaflet protesting the curfew, which was so successful that her daughter was hardly able to get a copy to take home.

COLEY said that there were opportunities for the SWP in the youth field because the threat of being drafted and economic discrimination made youth feel insecure.

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COWLEY further stated that while she agreed work on college campuses was important, the SWP should also consider working in high schools and vocational schools of big cities and in neighborhoods where there are issues to be exploited.

According to NY 2434-S* the next speaker was SAM MARCY, who began his talk by referring to the point made by "Comrade CANNON" concerning the change in the character of campuses. MARCY agreed that there were more working class youth on college campuses, but questioned whether their orientation was toward the working class.

MARCY then said he wanted to speak of youth work in the Buffalo branch, beginning with the "great class struggle" which took place in 1950 (?). He said that at that time 17,000 workers were in the midst of a witch hunt which was well known throughout the US. He said that the majority group of the SWP had never given due credit to the way the Buffalo SWP branch conducted itself during this period.

MARCY said that it was the youth who had carried on the struggle in Buffalo, trying to win the Negro people to some cause. He said it was a few young people with imagination in Buffalo who were able to engineer a school strike on behalf of the mothers of Little Rock, Arkansas. MARCY claimed that mass demonstrations, initiated by the SWP in Buffalo, had been recorded in every Negro newspaper in the country and had received the least publicity in the SWP newspaper, "The Militant." At this point, MARCY cried out "Shame on you DAN ROBERTS, and the others." (ROBERTS is Editor of "The Militant.")

MARCY said that thanks to the work of the Buffalo youth, for the first time there is a Negro organization of mothers who are trained to talk to city officials and able to organize brigades to take care of their interests.

Concluding, MARCY said, "What does the you'a propose to do? To do what TROTSKY says to do - to aid in the class struggle of the adults."

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The next speaker cannot be identified from information furnished by NY 2434-S*, but is known to be TOM KERRY, [REDACTED] b7D

KERRY took exception to MARCY's report, saying that Buffalo had some wonderful youth comrades, but they did not have a youth group and had not even tried. He said he had never met any of the few Buffalo youngsters who took the SWP youth policy seriously, which he did not like at all. He said that his contacts in this regard demonstrated that some of the youth in the party had been misled.

The next speaker, according to NY 2434-S*, was "Comrade DEE from Chicago (CLAUDE DE BRUCE).

In Chicago, according to DE BRUCE, the SWP branch was very much interested in the youth question. He said that some years ago they had lost six of their youth to the social democrats, but had already won back three and were in the process of winning a fourth through the regroupment policy.

He said that two good youths had been recruited and two more had been attracted, who were now attending classes regularly.

He said the basic idea of the SWP should be to reach people at their own level and orient them in the right direction. He said, further, that it was not a question of what you have been, but what you are today and what you are going to do in the revolutionary movement.

The next speaker could not be identified by NY 2434-S*, but [REDACTED] was DAVID WEISS. b7D

WEISS said that the youth movement in Philadelphia was led by two young comrades, one of whom had been in the Party less than one year and the other less than six months.

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WEISS then referred to a talk previously given by MIKE KOVACS and advised him to follow a policy of Party loyalty and to take the time to learn and to keep an open mind. He suggested that KOVACS follow the leadership of the majority.

According to NY 2434-S*, the next speaker was LONNIE (CROSS).

CROSS supported the minority position, saying that there was no truth in the claim that the minority group had turned their back on the youth movement. He said that there had been a youth group in Buffalo, but this group was destroyed by the FBI and other "agents of intimidation" in the Buffalo community. He said that he believed that the SWP should concentrate their attention on the youth and on the workers who would listen to the SWP line and work as vigorously for it as they could.

CROSS then told of a young student in mathematics in Atlanta, Georgia, who had joined the Party about one year ago. He said this unnamed individual had also worked for the Sobell Committee. He said that the Party must be built wherever possible and colleges and universities in the South had given the SWP a chance to get to some people. He predicted that while recruitment was in the one's and two's today, it would be in the thousands in the future. CROSS said that it was to be expected that the work started in the South was modest now, but the great tragedy was that the SWP did not have the forces to go to all the areas where they had contacts. He said that the Party wanted to reach out and bring in to the revolutionary Party all those interested.

The next speaker could not be identified by NY 2434-S*, but [REDACTED] it was TIM WOLFFORTH, giving the summary on the youth report. b7D

Referring to Denver, WOLFFORTH said that a socialist youth movement had been started there which was broken up by the FBI. He said that a nucleus remained, however, which could be the beginning of an SWP group in Denver.

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WOHLFORTH said that if the CP wanted to build their youth group they would have to seal out the SWP youth and if that were done the CP would be sealing out all other socialist youth.

WOHLFORTH said that the long range perspective was to build a youth cadre largely on the campus. He said that a good Bolshevik would do what "Comrade LOHNLE" had done, stay on the campus if he had political opportunities there. WOHLFORTH then launched into an attack on MIKE KOVACS who he said acted in a politically irresponsible manner when he left the campus of College of the City of NY (CCNY). WOHLFORTH described this as the most important political campus in the country in view of the fact that it was controlled by the Stalinists, lock, stock and barrel. He said that KOVACS had left CCNY without consulting the other comrades. WOHLFORTH said, further, "He lasted two weeks and he calls himself a Bolshevik! We are proud of those who stay on the campus and do political work for us."

According to NY 2434-S*, following WOHLFORTH's summary, the chairman called for a vote to approve the general line of either the youth report of WOHLFORTH (the majority position) or the MAPCY report on youth work (the minority position).

The roll was then called as follows. (It should be noted that NY 2434-S* could not give the response following the calling of a name in every case):

HENRY	Majority
BLAKE	Not here
GEORGE BREITHMAN	Majority
MURCH	"
CANNON	"
BOB CHESTER	"
DOBBS	"
VINCENT GREY	Minority
JOE HANSEN	Majority
KERRY	"
LOVELL	"

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SAM MARCY	Minority
PREIS	
ROBERTS	Majority
STEIN	"
SWADECK	
TRAINOR	Majority
WADE	Not here
HURRY WEISS	Not here
WILSON	Minority

Consultative

A.P.	Majority
LAWAN	"
CONLEY	
WING	Not here
JAMES	Majority
BLUNT	Minority
FEINCOLO	Majority
CHAP	"
DOROTHY FREEMAN	"
CELEMAN	
DAVE WEISS	"
F. BOWLES	Minority
DE BRUCE	Majority
B. ALLEN	"
CRATA	"

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Youth

THU	Majority
JOHN LAKE	

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Following the roll call, according to NY 2434-S*, it was voted to recess and reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

When the plenum reconvened the chairman announced the result of the vote on the youth report as follows:

For the majority - 12 regular and 15 consultative for a total of 27.

For the minority - 3 regular and 2 consultative for a total of 5.

It was then announced that the next point on the agenda would be a report by FARWELL DOBBS on the international situation.

DOBBS' report has previously been set forth in the form of a letterhead memorandum and submitted to the Bureau and appropriate files with IF letter dated 12/29/58.

A motion was unanimously passed at the conclusion of DOBBS' talk to adopt the line of his report.

An individual who could not be identified by NY 2434-S* then commented that a number of comrades on the West Coast had joined the SUP since the split of 1953, and were not clear as to the origin of the split and the problems that were involved. He said these comrades found it difficult to grasp what had taken place and suggested that the background to the split should be set forth for these people so there would be no questions in their minds as to what was involved at the time of the split.

The chairman announced that following a five minute recess the next item on the agenda would be the organizational report of Comrade TOM KERRY.

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KERRY began by saying that he would have criticism to make in the course of his report and assumed that there would be criticism made in return of the SWP National Office, which was only natural following the new experience and complicated tactical problems that the Party had gone through in the past year. He said he wanted the comrades to feel free to criticize or comment as they pleased.

KERRY then said he wished to deal with the charge made by the minority faction against the majority that the SWP was being liquidated. KERRY said that at the time of the party split in 1953, the present minority and majority factions had fought liquidationism together and at that time a different situation had prevailed than at present. The minority of that period, according to KERRY, had concentrated an attack upon the theoretical foundation of Trotskyism in America, the application of the Trotskyist program as formulated in "The American Theses." KERRY said the American Theses dealt with what kind of a party the SWP was aiming to build in this country and quoted from the first paragraph of Chapter 5 of the American Theses as follows:

"The decisive instrument of the proletarian revolution is the party of the class-conscious vanguard. Failing the leadership of such a party, the most favorable revolutionary situation which arises from objective circumstances cannot be carried through to the final victory of the proletariat and the beginnings of a planned organization of society on a socialist foundation."

KERRY said this principle was demonstrated in the 1917 Russian Revolution as well as from the world experience of wars, revolutions and colonial uprisings, which began with the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. He said that this concept was the basic strategic line of the Trotskyist movement in the US. The SWP, he said, opposed the concept that somehow or other the CP would develop a revolutionary orientation and that through their leadership a victory was going to be achieved as it was claimed had happened in Eastern Europe and China. KERRY continued, "He said, 'In this country as in every industrial country it will not be led to a successful conclusion unless it is led by a Leninist party, a combat party, a Trotskyist party.'"

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KERRY said that while that was the strategic line, there was still the question of tactics, which involved the method of building the above described party. He continued that in the minority opposition of 1953, it was boiled down to this group advocating a propaganda orientation for the SWP instead of a party of action. This proposal, according to KERRY, was evidence of the 1953 minority's intention to liquidate the revolutionary party. This intention, he said, was specifically manifested by their opposition to election campaigns. The 1953 minority claimed it was preposterous for the SWP to undertake election campaigns with its own small group and advocated instead joining up with the ALP. They did not, however, according to KERRY, want to go into the ALP in order to build a revolutionary socialist party; they wanted to liquidate the SWP, and that is why they were opposed by the SWP majority.

It is within the framework of this background that the present question of the SWP regroupment tactic should be understood. He said there had been no retreat from the American Thesis and the SWP still aimed to "build the Leninist combat party, the party that will lead ... the American working class to a successful outcome of the proletariat revolution."

KERRY said that the regroupment policy of the SWP was intended to accomplish the above and that was what the dispute between the majority and minority factions was about.

KERRY then took up the electoral activities of the SWP. He said that during 1956, the party, with branches in only 12 states, had conducted election campaigns in nine of them. He said that the National Office had urged each of its branches to engage in electoral activity wherever possible. KERRY said it was a period when practically every other radical tendency had abandoned the electoral arena and that in cases where a branch could not enter electoral activities under its own resources the National Office had offered help. He said this was in line with the whole regroupment policy, to gather together in an electoral coalition wherever viable forces were available.

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This coalition tactic was only possible in California, Illinois, Washington, and New York, according to KERRY. He cited Pennsylvania as an area where forces were sent in to help the comrades there in their electoral activities because the branch did not have the personnel or finances to handle it. KERRY said that the National Office had also sent money and people into Michigan in order to permit the comrades there to engage in their election campaign.

The SWP also put about \$2,000 into the United Socialist ticket in NY State, he said, and claimed it was \$2,000 well spent.

At the time of the 20th Congress of the CPSU, KERRY stated, the problem confronting the SWP was that of establishing some degree of fraternization with the ranks of the CP. He said that contact with this sealed-off CP membership was not for the purpose of conciliation or liquidation but a struggle to present the Trotskyist point of view in discussion with the ranks of the CP. He said that it had been so long since the SWP had confronted Stalinists in face to face contact that it was difficult for many comrades to make this turn toward the CP, to avoid confirming by their actions the charge by the CP leadership that Trotskyists were impossible people to talk to.

KERRY said that it was here that he wished to come to the defense of the American Forum for Socialists Education (AFSE). He said that the SWP leadership had never presented the AFSE as an organization to be maintained in perpetuity.. He said that the role of the AFSE was to help break down the barriers that kept the Party from getting at the Stalinists. KERRY went on that at the very first meeting of the American Forum attended by the SWP, a differentiation took place in the whole regroupment struggle. He said that (MAX) SHACHTMAN and other social democrats were there and attempted to impose upon the AFSE a policy of excluding the CP. KERRY said that the only reason "we" were there was to get at the CP and, therefore, they fought for and won out on the non-exclusion policy. Not, he said, because the SWP had more people there but because they were able to convince A. J. MUSTE and others

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that they were sincerely interested in promoting a discussion. KERRY commented in this regard that nobody had any illusion that the SNP was going to recruit MUSTE out of this, they had gone through that once before. The same went for SIDNEY LENS, according to KERRY. He said the comrades knew LENS' history and evolution and would have no truck with anybody who did not subscribe 100 per cent to the theses of the first, second and third Communist Internationals.

KERRY said that the AFSE had opened up contact with the Stalinists but by now it had outlived its usefulness.

KERRY said that a new stage had been reached in the regroupment process following the AFSE experience and the SNP was able to break into the Sobell Committee, the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (ACFEB) and others because, despite CP opposition, they could not be kept out.

Later, KERRY said, contact was made with the "National Guardian" and the first opening in this regard came at a meeting of the AFSE, attended by JOHN T. MC MANUS. KERRY stated that some questions were discussed informally with MC MANUS and because the "National Guardian" was then in the process of breaking from Stalinism it was a chance to utilize his influence to have meetings, discussions and finally joint action.

When the SNP reached the stage where they could establish united socialist political action groups, they found the previous forms utilized to accomplish the original purpose no longer useful. In this new stage, KERRY said that enough minimum agreement had been reached so that developments could move from the discussion phase into the combination of action with discussion.

The problem no longer exists of breaking down barriers in order to get at the Stalinists. KERRY said that, in fact, it was reported from Cleveland in regard to their forthcoming conference that the CP was appealing for permission to get into the conference and asking whether or not the Trotskyites could let them speak and present their point of view.

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KERRY stated that in 1959, there is no national action on the electoral arena or any big issue around which the SWP could unite the forces working with them. Thus it was proposed to continue discussions on a higher stage. He said that in all of the Party publications their tone had been adapted to the changes that had taken place in elements previously considered hostile and unreachable. KERRY commented that in the arsenal of Marxism a rapier was sometimes more effective than a meat cleaver.

KERRY pointed out that the regroupment development had not been even throughout the country. While in Los Angeles and NY a stage of united socialist political action had been reached, in Seattle it was found still expedient to use the front of the AFSE. In other places, he said, it was found expedient to increase contacts by use of "National Guardian" clubs and in still other areas the party was still immersed in Sobell and other committees. He commented in this regard that there are so many opportunities over now and the party had such limited forces that it was essential to drop any form which had outlived its purpose in the period of development of the regroupment process.

KERRY requested that all the SWP branches send copies of their minutes to the National Office in order that the Party headquarters would be aware of what the branches were doing in the regroupment field. He said that he noted in a recent copy of the minutes of the Los Angeles Executive Committee that this branch had decided to devote the major part of its forces to the United Committee for Socialist Political Action because this appeared to be the most promising group at this stage.

KERRY then pointed out that because of the various regroupment efforts there had been an unavoidable neglect in carrying forward the work of the institutions of the Party. He said that it was understandable, after the SWP's long isolation, to plunge wholeheartedly toward the new faces turning up at forums and meetings and to pay less attention to Party institutions.

One of the most important of these, according to KERRY, was the SWP press and publication program which he described as "the main instrument we have for effective intervention into this whole process of clarification of these important questions that have arisen in the course of our activities." In regard to Pioneer Publishers, KERRY said there had been a tremendous increase in sales in 1957 over 1956. There had been a decrease in 1958 as compared to 1957, although still better than 1956. KERRY said he believed one of the reasons for the 1958 figure is the fact that many new publications, which provisions had been made for with "our comrades over in Great Britain," had not been delivered. He said that the British Trotskyites had their own problems and the books and pamphlets ordered by the SWP had made great demands upon their forces and resources. KERRY also stated that the SWP had advanced the British \$3,000 to finance socialist publications. Further, he understood that the British were in the process now of enlarging their printing plant in order to take care of their own expanded demand as well as commitments made to the SWP.

KERRY said that he had in his possession a copy of the book, "The Notebook of an Agitator" (by JAMES P. CANNON) and, depending upon the customs officials, there would soon be a quantity large enough to distribute throughout the entire country. He said that when material such as this became available the figures for Pioneer Publishers would show a great improvement.

Now in preparation in the SWP's own print shop is a pamphlet written by (WILLIAM) WARDE entitled, according to KERRY, "The Long View of History." KERRY commented that the print shop had been reorganized with the entire responsibility turned over to BOB (CHESTER) and help would be given him when available.

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KERRY said that Comrade (ART) PREIS was now in the process of writing a book which KERRY felt would be an historic landmark in the literature of the US on the labor movement. He said this was based on a series of articles written by PREIS in "The Militant" during 1955, on the history of the CIO. He continued that PREIS had become ill and so he had been relieved from the responsibility of putting out "The Militant" in order that he could devote all available time to finishing his book, "Labor's Giant Step - The History of the CIO." KERRY said this publication would be a powerful weapon in "our" hands when the young workers could be furnished with a "genuine Marxist analysis" of the development of the CIO. KERRY said that PREIS had promised the book would be finished by February (1959).

Continuing, KERRY said that another important SWP publication, "In Defense of Marxism," was out of print and that one of the comrades who had received a settlement on a case had loaned \$2,000 at no interest over a long period of time to finance a new edition.

KERRY said that an assist had been given the SWP by the University of Michigan, which published "The History" (of the Russian Revolution); by RUSSELL, who published "Literature and Revolution", and by HARVARD, who published "Trotsky's Diary." KERRY said that January, 1959, would be the first anniversary of the death of LAURA GREY and that the project of publishing a book of her cartoons had not been followed through due to financial reasons. He said that \$400.00 had, however, been set aside in a separate account and that in January the SWP would call upon its branches to hold special memorial affairs for the purpose of raising funds to publish the LAURA GREY book. He said that such a book would be a rich contribution to the literature of the Trotskyist movement in this country.

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Turning to the SWP newspaper, "The Militant," KERRY emphasized the important role it played in the regroupment struggle taking place throughout the entire world. He said that the paper received communications from throughout the world citing the value of "The Militant" to these people. KERRY read, as an example, a letter received from an unnamed individual in Australia who said that distribution of "The Militant" had been a stimulant to attempts at building a revolutionary Marxist group.

KERRY then gave figures on the circulation of "The Militant" in foreign countries as follows:

In Canada - 24 subscribers plus a bundle order of 35.

In South America - 20 subscribers plus a bundle order of 35

Total foreign - 44 subscribers - with a total of 70 copies distributed each week.

KERRY pointed out that most of this foreign distribution was financed by the SWP because of exchange difficulties. He described this as a subsidy that had to be carried on as part of our obligation and contribution to the development of the world movement of Trotskyism.

KERRY said that "The Militant" would, during 1959, have to carry on a big political offensive to deal with the problems confronting the American working class movement. He said that plans were being made to intervene more effectively on the elements already developed as part of the SWP periphery in the regroupment process and to make the paper more effective for spreading the program and ideas of the Party.

KERRY said that there were subscribers to "The Militant" in 30 states in the country where there were no SWP branches, which meant that "The Militant" went to subscribers in 42 states, and if Alaska was counted there was one additional subscriber there.

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KERRY stated that the SWP had demonstrated its combat character by accepting the tremendous load during 1958 of intervening in the electoral arena and sending FARRELL DOBBS abroad for six months. Yet, KERRY said, he felt that sufficient attention had not been paid to the circulation of "The Militant" during this period. He said there was a total of 735 subscribers to the paper in this country, which was a very small number. Of the 735, KERRY pointed out that 254 have been acquired since the beginning of the Party's recent subscription campaign.

He said that every branch in the party should put sales of "The Militant" on the agenda of every branch meeting whether or not there was a campaign going on. KERRY continued that the expansion of the paper was an absolute prerequisite to the "effective intervention in the regroupment process and in building a revolutionary party in this country." KERRY said that the quotas accepted by the branches in the subscription campaign were too small, totaling about 800, with Los Angeles taking 300 and NY 150.

In regard to the SWP theoretical magazine, "International Socialist Review," KERRY said that this was a special problem inasmuch as it has been too much of a one man operation. He said that JOE (HANSEN) had been editor, promotion manager, etc., and it would be necessary to develop promotion efforts and ways and means of working with the branches in expanding the magazine.

KERRY next took up the question of SWP recruitment, saying that in 1954, after the split in the party, a re-registration showed that 137 members were lost in the split. In the ten month period from January to November, 1957, KERRY said that the SWP counted 72 new recruits, 34 of them from the CP. In the ten month period from January to November, 1958, he said that there had been recorded 52 recruits, while 18 had dropped from the Party. KERRY pointed out that the figure of 52, however, represented only a partial figure because many

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branches had submitted reports only up to the month of July. He said he felt safe in saying that there were at least 75 recruits made in the ten month period from January to November, 1958.

KERRY said that Los Angeles was now the largest branch in the country with 102 members, which was three more than the NY Local had. He said that Los Angeles in 1957, over a ten month period recruited 17 new members, which means that they were able to start earlier in taking advantage of recruiting possibilities open to the SWP. From the period January through July, 1958, he said that Los Angeles reported 12 recruits and undoubtedly the following months would show an additional number.

In comparison, KERRY said that NY, during the first ten months of 1957, had gained ten recruits and through September, 1958, had acquired 12 recruits.

KERRY stated that the most phenomenal growth, however, had been in the Oakland branch. He said that a recent footnote to a letter he got from Oakland stated as follows:

"P.S. To add to the statistics of my last letter, another recruit last night from (unintelligible). Membership 21 now. Increase over August, 1957, 153 per cent. Recruitment proceeds in a peculiar way here; they join up."

KERRY said this actually was not peculiar because in the course of the regroupment campaign there were discovered individuals who came to the stage of being in favor of a concept of regroupment into a revolutionary socialist party and realized that in order to do something about it they had to join the SWP. He predicted that many more would make this decision, which was a natural process of the regroupment policy. KERRY said that these people were not assured that the new group would not be the SWP, but it was asked if these individuals wanted to work toward the goal of regroupment. If this was the case they were convinced that the best way to do it was to join the SWP.

Returning to the Oakland situation, KERRY said that he remembered in 1950 there were only six or seven people in this branch and that some of the new recruits were very fine people. One, JEFF WHITE, KERRY said he had never met but through reading his communications he knew him to be a workers leader. He said that WHITE was capable of making political analyses. He went on to say that he had been trying to find out what was taking place at a conference in San Francisco, after becoming disturbed about the press releases being issued. KERRY said he got more information through reading copies of JEFF WHITE's letters, which were forwarded on to him, that he did from the whole San Francisco branch.

KERRY then said that he'd like to comment on GOGATCH (ph.) and read a report that LARRY (TRAINOR) had sent down a year ago. KERRY said this was a report on the CP of New England and the crisis of 1956, which the SWP had in turn sent out to its National Committee members. At the time of the report, TRAINOR told KERRY that the individual who wrote the report was already interested enough to read SWP material and to discuss things with Party members but was not ready to join the Party. The individual then went to California, spend a year around the San Francisco Bay area and joined the SWP at the San Francisco Conference. After he became a member of the Party, TRAINOR said that he felt this individual, judging from his writings, would be a first class worker for the SWP. KERRY quoted an observation made by this recruit in January, 1956, as follows, "I feel that in dealing with CP'ers and ex-CP'ers, the greatest assets of the SWP are its unquestionable integrity and, when not treated as divine revelation, the works of LEON TROTSKY. Its greatest weakness is the heritage of its own isolation." KERRY said that this type of individual was symptomatic of the kind of element the SWP was recruiting through its regroupment policy. He continued, "People like that could go build a revolutionary party, the Leninist party, the combat party that will make this revolution."

In addition to the established SWP branches, KERRY pointed out that there were new groups. He said there were three young comrades in the Denver group who had amazed HAROLD DAVIES, when this individual was on tour, by their activities. KERRY said these three youngsters organized a big meeting, got attention from the "Denver Rocky Mountain News," radio and television stations, and had DAVIES running around like mad to a big meeting of the Denver Labor Alliance as well as a meeting of their own group. DAVIES, according to KERRY, said that if Denver, his first stop, was like the rest of the country, he'd never make the end of his tour.

In San Diego, according to KERRY, "we" now have a group of nine, who were not formally constituted as a party. He said that comrades were sent down from Los Angeles as well as BILL KITT and his wife, former Buffalo SWP members. KERRY said he gathered that San Diego had a lively branch inasmuch as they had made a pledge of \$100 to the party fund drive, had formed a "National Guardian" Club and had entered into "The Militant" subscription campaign. He commented that it was just a matter of formality to establish a branch of the party in San Diego.

"In Connecticut," KERRY said, "we have several comrades, one who came from California and one other who was reactivated, who have now assembled a whole circle of people in that area." He continued that two youngsters in Connecticut had been signed up for the party but were coming back to NY to become a part of the NY local.

KERRY then discussed work being done by LONARD (CROSS) among the comrades in the South, first in Montgomery at Tuskegee and now in Georgia. He described this as magnificent work, praising a comrade who would go into that area to do political work, make contacts and talk to people about socialism in these times. He predicted that the political effect of this would spread because CROSS was associated with teachers and students, who, whether they left school or stayed there, would carry on a good work. KERRY said further that a \$200 pledge from these people to the SWP fund was something to emulate.

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KERRY said that the process of slow bleeding, when the SWP lost its periphery and "carried on in splendid isolation, had now ended.

Turning to SWP financing, KERRY said that he realized what the huge financial burden, two \$20,000 fund drives, would mean on such a small party, but when this was projected for 1958 it was felt that extra sacrifices would be warranted by the great political opportunities opening up. He went on to say that many contacts were made and the Party had developed a periphery, but unfortunately a large portion of that periphery had prior financial obligations to such institutions as "National Guardian," the Sobell Committee and the ACPFB.

Thus, said KERRY, the general problem still remains, that the Party ran at a deficit of around \$36,000 per year. This was the problem that the SWP leadership was attempting to solve through its special fund drives.

KERRY said that an additional financial obligation had developed which was helping out the youth group and in view of this and other factors it was going to become necessary for the Party to retrench as much as possible without sacrificing opportunities open to it. He urged those present to see to it when they returned to their branches that the branch quota on the fund drive was completed in full and on time. He pointed out that because this fund drive was several thousand dollars less than the previous \$20,000 fund drive, additional budgetary problems would occur. KERRY again urged all the branches to complete their quotas of the fund drive and have the money into national headquarters by December 18, to keep the Party from being in serious trouble.

According to NY 2454-S*, KERRY ended his speech on this point and the floor was turned over to discussion, with the first speaker being SAM MARCY.

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MARCY claimed that the reason that LONNIE CROSS had been successful in the South stemmed from proposals made by MARCY in regard to the Negro question a year or two ago when he spoke in favor of emphasis on working with Negroes rather than the regroupment program. He said that in the long run one of the acid tests of a revolutionary party was its answer on the Negro question and if any credit was claimed by the SWP in this regard it should be shared equally between the majority and MARCY minority faction.

Referring to the "American Theses," discussed by KERRY, MARCY claimed that this had not united the SWP, on the contrary it had divided the party.

MARCY said he would recommend to his minority supporters not to vote for KERRY's organizational report because it was political in character. He went on to say that he was in the process of studying Bolshevik parties to ascertain what the political issues were that caused splits in parties. In referring to the position of the minority faction, MARCY said, one, "we want to stay in the party" and two, "we want to have a Bolshevik democratic centralist right to fight for our points of view. A Bolshevik cannot live unless he fights for his views." He said that although there were two competing tendencies in the SWP, the majority had the responsibility of maintaining the Bolshevik party. He said that the majority should allow "competitive coexistence ideologically" within the Party.

The next speaker, according to NY 2434-S*, WAS referred to as a charter member of the SWP who WAS PRESENT at the plenum. (This was HENRY SCHULTZ, [REDACTED] 67D

SCHULTZ spoke in favor of the organization report given by TOM KERRY and in favor of the regroupment policy in general. He said that in Minneapolis they had been successful in having a CP leader, CARL ROSS, participate in a symposium in Minneapolis, which had been the biggest gathering of the left in Minneapolis in over a decade.

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SCHWITZ then discussed the visit of HAROLD DAVIES to Minneapolis, saying this had resulted in the greatest radical turnout in 20 years with over 700 people attending. SCHWITZ said that DAVIES also spoke on the radio for three hours and did a job that the SWP could not do.

The next speaker, according to NY 2434-S*, was JOYCE COWLEY, who criticized the SWP regroupment policy because of what she described as a lack of programmatic clarity.

COWLEY was followed by DOROTHY MARCY, according to NY 2434-S*.

DOROTHY MARCY said that Comrade MIKE (IOVACH), a youth group member, had heard from SWP members before he joined the youth group that the Buffalo branch minority was a "screw group" and that SAM MARCY was "a loose lion Buffalo." DOROTHY MARCY criticized this procedure and called for party discipline in regard to youth matters.

An unknown male speaker at this time urged the individual speaking to stick to the points on the agenda.

The next speaker, according to NY 2434-S*, WAS DICK GARZA, who spoke of the effect on the SWP FROM THE regroupment campaign.

GARZA said the NY Local of the SWP had been completely transformed in the past year. GARZA said the ELECTORAL petition campaign had resulted in picking up MANY NEW PEOPLE and furnishing a good source for new members.

The following speaker, according to NY 2434-S*, was SOREN TOROIAN of St. Louis, who said that in his SECOND year in the party he was impressed by its democratic processes. The speaker then went on to discuss the activities of the SWP in the St. Louis area.

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The next speaker could not be identified by NY 2434-S*, but [REDACTED] is known to be TED DOSTAL. **b7D**

DOSTAL spoke of unemployment conditions in Youngstown, Ohio, saying that the depression had started there over 18 months ago and that the crisis of capitalism had begun. He advocated that every moment be spent in thinking and working on how to develop the mass movement.

DOSTAL said there was no youth group or socialist group at Youngstown University and advocated working within labor unions.

DOSTAL described the "Militant Steel Worker" as being mailed regularly to all the steel centers in the country. DOSTAL said there was an area 50 miles south of Youngstown where "we" have a group of six steel workers who are working closely with "us" in the left-wing faction of a large steel local of over 6,000 members. DOSTAL said that the "Militant Steel Worker" had considerable influence in that area and in the Youngstown area and had been a counterweight to publications of the CP in those areas.

With the conclusion of the discussion period, according to NY 2434-S*, the chairman of the plenum proposed that we consider the plenum as the opening of the pre-convention discussion . . . The convention date will be set tentatively for the latter part of May (1959). This proposal was approved by the plenum.

The final speaker of the plenum could not be identified by NY 2434-S*, but, [REDACTED] can be determined to be TOM KERRY. **b7D**

KERRY criticized the minority faction for their charges of liquidationism against the leadership of the SWP. He spoke of the conflicts in the various SWP branches and called for unity.

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Referring to the HAROLD DAVIES tour KERRY said that when the SWP invited dignitaries to this country to speak on behalf of the party, that the branches should take full advantage of this by charging admission to the talks to assure that the operation would not lose money.

The plenum adjourned at 6:00 p.m., according to NY 2434-S*, with the delegates present joining in the singing of the "Internationale."

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Director, FBI (100-337835) (REG.)

February 5, 1959

SAC, Seattle (100-22197)

INTERNAL SECURITY TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Rebulet to New York November 14, 1958.

The Seattle Office has no information regarding the
collection of a national network for subject's activities.

2 - New York (REG)
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)**

CINAL

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum which concerns the proposed establishment of a "Commission of Inquiry" regarding the Sobell Case.

Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City and San Francisco are being furnished one copy each of this memorandum for information.

The letter referred to in the attached memorandum was furnished to SAs MARTIN P. BEPPREK and MARK J. RAABE.

This letter is maintained WF 100-25474-1B3(58).

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- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 5)
 - 1 - Chicago (100-25530) (Encl. 1) (Info)
 - ① - New York (100-107111) (Encl. 1) (Info)
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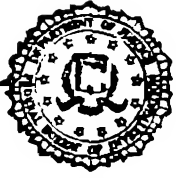
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
February 6, 1959

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

On February 5, 1959, [REDACTED]

File 42
[REDACTED] The American Political Science Association, 1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., made available an envelope postmarked February 4, 1959, at New York, N. Y., addressed to American Political Science Association, and bearing the return address, "Reverend Peter McCormack, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California." [REDACTED] made available the reprinted letter contained in this envelope which is as follows: **b7D**

"REVEREND PETER MCCORMACK
2801 Turk Street
San Francisco, California

"February, 1959

"Dear Sirs:

"Because we believe the striving for justice and moral integrity in our country is a matter which concerns each of us, we turn to you for participation in a project which we, along with many of our countrymen, believe extremely necessary to the national well-being.

"The signers of this letter have in common a conviction that the time has arrived for a thorough, independent and impartial public examination of the issues in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. With the reflection which comes with the passage of time, more and more individuals and publications are observing the need for reappraisal. Moreover, Morton Sobell, maintaining his innocence, remains imprisoned under a 30-year sentence, thus giving an urgency in human terms as well as in historical necessity.

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**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL**

"We propose that a Commission of Inquiry be established that would meet the requirements for the kind of scholarly, independent and objective investigation necessary.

"It is not without an awareness of the sacrifice in time and energy which must be expended that we address this request to you. Yet in other vital issues of the past, citizens have traditionally come forward in this manner. It is a strong sense of responsibility which impels us to take this initial step in helping to establish such a Commission of Inquiry.

"We therefore respectfully ask you to consider serving on this proposed inquiry commission. Kindly address your comment to Reverend Peter Mc Cormack, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California.

"Very sincerely yours,

"/s/ Horace M. Kallen, educator

/s/ Harold C. Urey,
scientist


"/s/ Bernard D. Davis,
scientist

/s/ Malcolm P. Sharp,
professor of law

"/s/ Paul L. Holmer,
professor of philosophy

/s/ Francis D. Wormuth,
professor of political
science

"/s/ Reverend Peter Mc Cormack, formerly
Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz"

 stated he could not explain why this letter had been directed to American Political Science Association. **b7D**

The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

**THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL**

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, 'the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397335)

2/6/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR HORTON SOBELL
IS - C

ReBulet 11/14/58, captioned as above.

Informants of the New York Office have furnished no information not furnished previously concerning the identities of members of the National Executive Committee of the Committee to Secure Justice for Norton Sobell. Investigation continuing.

2 - Bureau (100-397335) (RM)
1 - New York (100-107111)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC: N.Y.

FROM : ALICE H. ADAMS (ASSISTANT CHIEF)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE, aka

DATE: 2-6-59

NEW ASSIGNMENT CARD PREPARED SHOWING LAST ASSIGNMENT
AND LAST DATED. OLD CARD ATTACHED HERETO.

Title NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE		File No 106-18711
		IS-C
Date Rec.: 1/16/52		
Bu 100-387835		
Office of Origin: NEW YORK		
Assigned to (date) J.A. HARRINGTON, 1/31/52		
Reassigned to (date) C.J. Catell 11-30-54		
MAN. #6		
R. Minihan 2-8-55		
P. H. Sheridan 10-14-55		
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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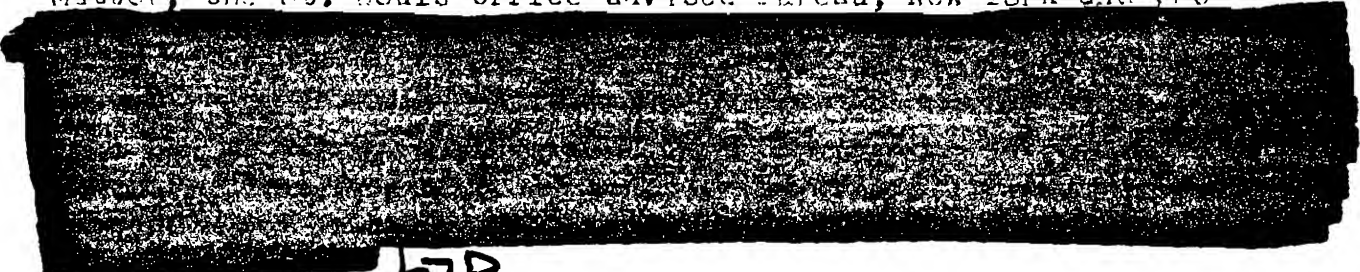
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

ReBulet 11/14/58 instructing WFO to determine the identity of the local representative to the National Sobell Committee.

WFO has received no information regarding the above since WFO letter 1/23/59.

It is noted that by Airtel 1/30/59 in captioned matter, the St. Louis Office advised Bureau, New York and WFO



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WFO has received no additional information regarding the above.

The New York Office should provide WFO with a current characterization of A. LARK.

WFO will continue to report to the Bureau every 15 days as to the progress being made in connection with the matter in REBulet. P

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (100-107111)(RM)
- 1 - WFO

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: February 9, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

ReBulet 11-14-58.

The New York Office should continue to maintain close contact with [redacted] and [redacted] and other logical sources in an effort to develop the identities of the yet unknown members of the National Sobell Committee. In the future advise the Bureau by the 15th of each month of the progress of your investigation in this regard. **67D**

Other offices receiving copies of this communication should discontinue the submission of periodic letters concerning efforts to determine the local representatives to the national committee. Each office should remain alert to this matter and promptly advise the Bureau and New York whenever pertinent information is developed.

- 2 - Albany (100-13260)
- 2 - San Diego (100-9380)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-35116)
- 2 - Seattle (100-22197)

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(Signature)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

2/9/59

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
ISA of 1950

Re Bureau letter to Boston 1/14/59.

On 1/28/59, [REDACTED] advised SA RAYMOND G. ROSS that he has no information as to whether or not an individual from the Boston group is to be designated as a delegate or representative to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. **b7D**

[REDACTED] advised that he would notify the Boston Office immediately upon his receipt of any information pertaining to this matter. **b7D**

[REDACTED] Massachusetts State Police, on 1/26/59 advised SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN that he was not in possession of any information which would indicate that an individual from the Boston group had been designated as a delegate to the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. [REDACTED] indicated that he would advise SA O'BRIEN if any information pertaining to this matter came to his attention. **b7D**

[REDACTED] First National Bank, Boston, Massachusetts, advised SA WALTER M. BRADY on 2/4/59 that the special checking account of the Boston Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell which had been carried in the name of LILYAN CHUBOW, was closed on 6/23/54. [REDACTED] stated that this account has not been reopened to date. [REDACTED] also indicated that he would advise SA BRADY of any information pertaining to the reactivation of this account. This information is not to be made public except upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. **b7D**

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2 - New York (Enclosures 3) (RM)
1 - Boston
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The following informants and/or sources of information, when contacted, advised that they had no information pertaining to this matter relative to a delegate being elected to the National Committee. However, they have been alerted to furnish the Boston office with the identity of any individual who might be so designated or any information which would indicate that no delegate is to be appointed.

67D { [REDACTED] 2/2/59 SA JOHN B. DAVIDSON Orally

[REDACTED] 2/2/59 SA JOHN B. DAVIDSON Orally

[REDACTED] 2/2/59 SA JOHN E. KEARY Orally

[REDACTED] 67D
It is requested that the New York office advise the Boston office if any information is available concerning the time of any proposed meeting of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell which would be attended by delegates from the various local committees.

The Boston office will continue efforts to identify this delegate or information that no delegate is to be appointed from the Boston area. Results of these efforts and information received from sources will be reported to the Bureau as directed.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 3398 DATE 2-10-59

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Reporting Office PHILADELPHIA	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date Feb. 11 1959	Investigative Period 11/26/58 - 2/4/59
TITLE OF CASE THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by ARION B. HUMMEL	Typed By bao
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
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Synopsis:

Reference

Report of SA ARION B. HUMMEL, Philadelphia, 7/16/58.

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Leads

PHILADELPHIA:

At Philadelphia, Pa.:

Will follow and report activities of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

Administrative Data

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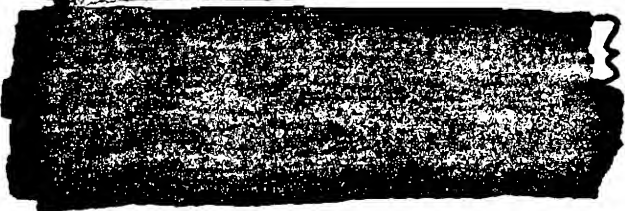
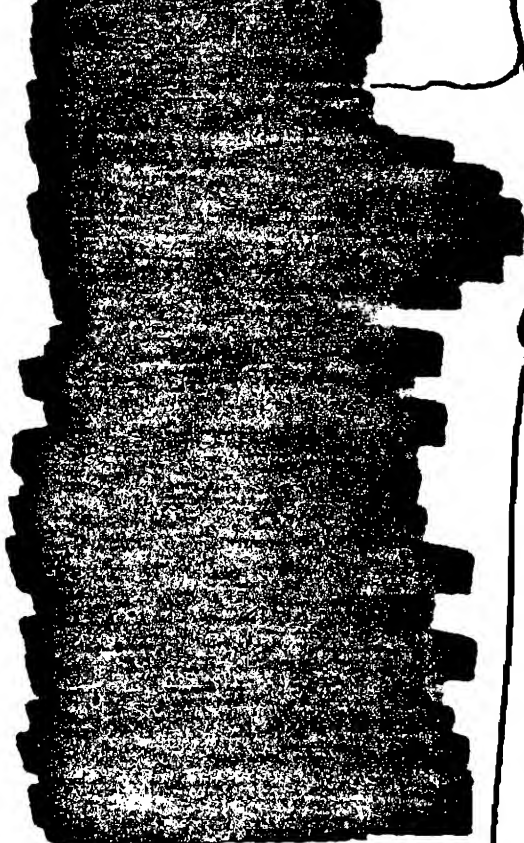
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Careful consideration has been given to all informants concealed in this report and T symbols were used only where necessary.

Informants

Identity of Informant

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Identity of Informant

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Informants Used to Document Organizations

ECCLC

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Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Clubs

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Teens Ahead

The Study Group

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Copy to: 1 - G-2, Philadelphia (RM)
1 - ONI, Philadelphia (RM)
1 - OSI, Harrisburg (RM)

Report of: SA MARION J. HUMMEL

Office: Philadelphia

Date: 11-1-55

File Number: BU 100-587835

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Title: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL issued letter reflecting address as 2708 West Sterner Street, Philadelphia. This address is residence of PEARL CHERTOV. CHERTOV identified as member of Socialist Workers Party. CHERTOV is member of National Committee and apparently most active leader of local committee.

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DETAILS:

Background

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Address

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The Philadelphia Address Telephone Directory of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, received November 25, 1958, reflects that 2708 West Sterner Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is the address of MORRIS CHERTOV, who is known to be the husband of PEARL CHERTOV.

Leaders of the Philadelphia Committee

[REDACTED] advised that FREDA RAPPAPORT has been acting as Chairman of the Philadelphia Committee but has been rather inactive for the last few months. b2

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Informant stated that according to JEAN FRANTJIS, who was active in the reorganization of the Committee and was formerly the head of the local Committee, the title of Chairman was an assumed title and actually there was no official Chairman.

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On [REDACTED] all advised that PEARL
CHERTOV is very active in the Philadelphia Committee to
Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL; however, it has not been
stated that she holds any official position with either
the Philadelphia Committee or the National Committee. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] advised that PEARL CHERTOV is
currently a member of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist
Workers Party. b7D

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by
the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] b7D
The Communist Party, USA, and its subdivisions and
affiliates has been designated by the Attorney General of
the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the International Workers Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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General Activities

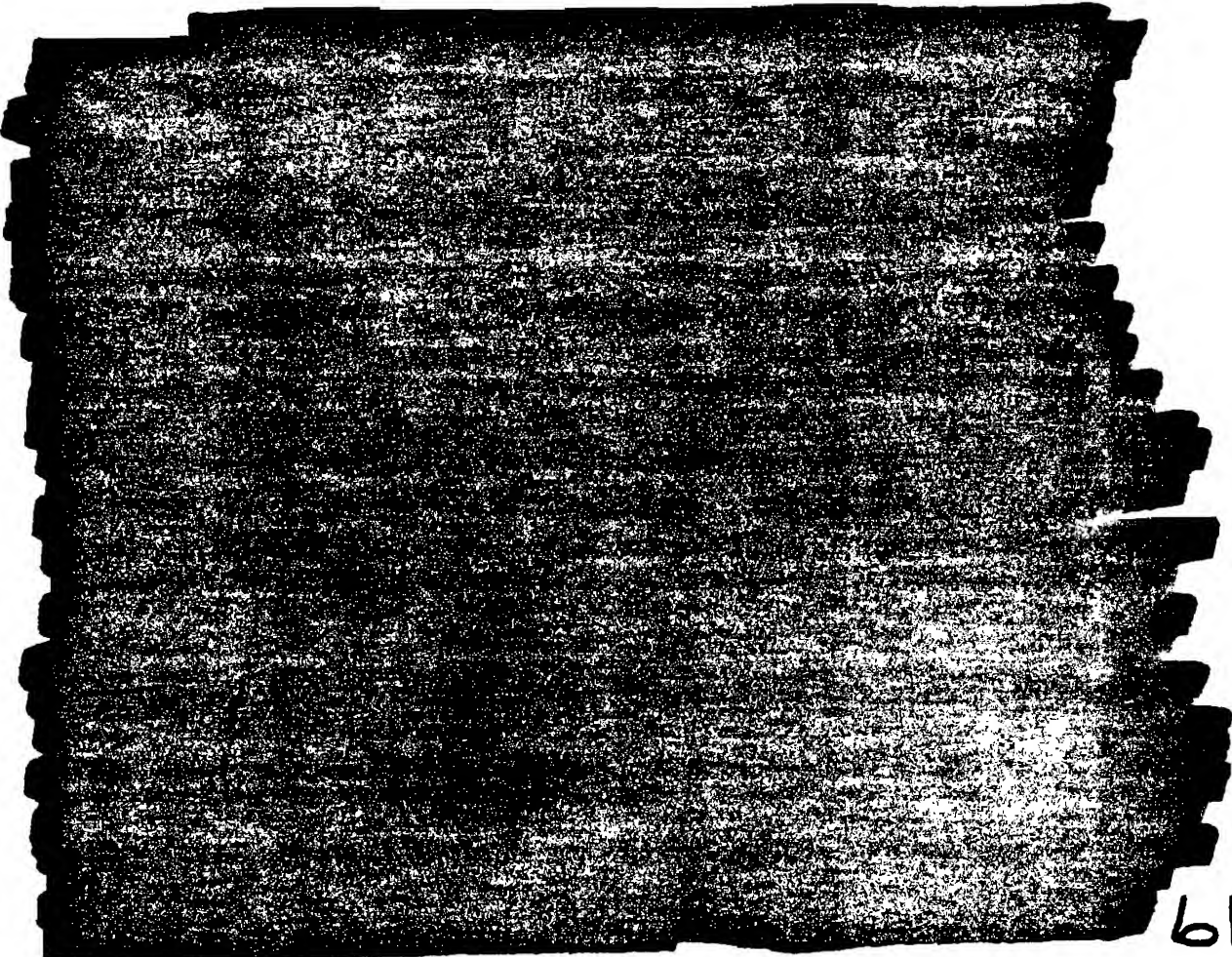
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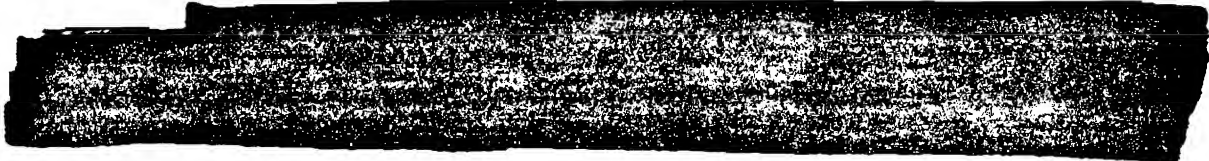
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(Documentation of the National Lawyers Guild
will be set out in the Appendix Section of this report.)



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"PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SECURE
"JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
"2708 W. Sterner Street, Philadelphia 32, Pa.

"Dear Friend:

"As we are approaching the coming Christmas season - a season of Good Will to Men - our thoughts turn to the case of MORTON SOBELL, and of the 30 year sentence of which he has served already 8 years.

"We are moved by the injustice in this case, by the separation from his family and above all, by the interest shown by many people in all walks of life in their behalf, and in behalf of righting a wrong.

"The enclosed text of a statement by CARLTON BEALS is the case in point. In it, you have in capsule form, the story of the case from the beginning to the present. Mr. BEALS calls SOBELL's conviction a 'brazen denial of elementary rights' and 'so absurd it is incredible.' Justice is long overdue.

"Join with us and others throughout the country, in petitioning the President for Amnesty for MORTON SOBELL.

"Sincerely yours,
"/S/ PEARL CHERTOV
"Mrs. PEARL CHERTOV
"(for the Committee)"

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The Informant also furnished the statement by CARLTON BEALS referred to in Paragraph 3 of the above letter, which is as follows:

"TO MEN & WOMEN OF GOOD WILL - CHRISTMAS AMNESTY FOR
"MORTON SOBELL
"A PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES . .

"TEXT OF STATEMENT ON THE MORTON SOBELL CASE BY
CARLTON BEALS, author, lecturer, authority on
Mexico and the Caribbean area, and former consultant
to the U.S. government on Mexican affairs. Mr.
BEALS calls SOBELL's conviction a 'brazen denial
of elementary rights' and 'so absurd it is incredible'
in the following letter to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL,
dated 8/25/58.

"Thank you for sending me the transcript of
the 'conspiracy' trial which resulted in your
husband being sentenced to thirty years in prison
and the transcript of the arguments on appeal.

"I have read every word of the 1715 pages with
care. Only a relatively few pages deal with
testimony concerning SOBELL, and they contain the
testimony of only one witness, PAUL BLITCHER. Other-
wise no evidence whatever was presented against
your husband.

"Another brief action deals with the trip of
SOBELL and his wife and two children to Mexico,
in an effort to prove that he was fleeing from
justice.

"The indictment itself contains not one mention
of overt acts by SOBELL, as is required by law.
His attorneys were forced to enter the courtroom
wholly unprepared, almost as spectators, without
any knowledge of the specific charges or what
evidence they might have to refute.

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"As a result the prosecution, by distortion, falsification and suppression, was able to give his trip to Mexico the appearance of flight. There is no doubt SOBELL was laboring under considerable fear, but even had he fled to Mexico illegally, which he did not, this under law does not constitute guilt of any crime. Thus it was not brought out at the trial:

"(1) That he went to Mexico under his own name and reported to American authorities before leaving.

"(2) That he was not under indictment and was not charged with any crime when he left, only when he returned.

"(3) That he had gone legally to Mexico. In court it was stated that he had no visa, which was technically correct, thus implying he had entered Mexico illegally.

"Actually he had a legal tourist card, all that is required, and went through the Mexican immigration offices and customs at the border in the usual legal manner.

"(4) That he was never deported from Mexico, although an American immigration official presented evidence, wholly erroneous, to that effect.

"(5) That actually he was kidnapped with the connivance of U.S. Federal agents, was brutally beaten until unconscious, that he was taken to the border in violation of Mexican and U.S. Laws and treaties.

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"(6) That he was taken across the border and spirited across in the dead of night, his abductors being joined by prearrangement by a Federal Marshall. That his entire family was similarly kidnapped and whisked across the border at night.

"(7) That this act was protested by the head of Mexican Immigration.

"(8) That investigations by the Mexican Consul in Laredo confirmed these criminal acts.

"(9) That the Mexican Department of Immigration and the Department of Gobernacion both provided documentary evidence, not presented at the trial, that SOBELL had never been deported.

"The single witness produced by the State against SOBELL, MAX ELITCHER, was a self-confessed 'perjurer' and 'liar'. At various times he had also been under psychoanalytical treatment.

"During his testimony only two sentences remotely suggest, and these are purely hearsay, that SOBELL had any connection with any alleged conspiracy. Also, ELITCHER testified that one evening he accompanied SOBELL on a ten minute ride to the vicinity of the accused JULIUS ROSENBERG's New York apartment to deliver a can (contents unknown) presumably to ROSENBERG. No direct evidence, either oral or material, was given at the trial that SOBELL even knew any atomic secrets, or that he gave any atomic or any other secrets to ROSENBERG or anybody else. His crime, as presented at the trial, seemed to consist of having been possibly a Communist and fellow-traveler, that he had been a fellow engineering student at New York City College, that over a period of ten years he had seen ROSENBERG half a dozen times. He knew none of the others involved in the trial and no other witness except ELITCHER. His name was not mentioned by any other witness.

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"In short, no oral, material or even remotely circumstantial evidence was ever presented in court to warrant his conviction or his sentencing. It is so absurd it is incredible. I know of no other instance of miscarriage of justice, or more brazen denial of elementary human rights, in the history of jurisprudence in this or any other country.

"Frankly, and this may sound harsh to you given your personal interest in the matter, I started reading this transcript with the hope that I would discover evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, that he was guilty, for I was anxious to preserve my illusions concerning the noble processes of American justice."

"The above statement speaks for itself. Justice is long overdue. Please add your name. Ask your friends and neighbors to do the same. Return the list below before December 15, so they may be presented together with hundreds of others to the President.

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ROSE SOBELL stated that the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was growing and gaining momentum in Chicago, New York, and San Francisco and that the Committee had already won its fight to have MORTON SOBELL moved out of Alcatraz and was now fighting to have him paroled. She stated that a mass petition on behalf of MORTON SOBELL is being given nationwide distribution.

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(Documentation of Sholem Aleichem Club of the Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Clubs will be set out in the Appendix of this report.)

[REDACTED]

This release reflected SANFORD (SANDY) BERLIN as advisor to this group.

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(Documentation of Teens Ahead will be set out in the Appendix of this report.)

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[REDACTED] recalled JACOB GRAUMAN was a member of the Professional Unit of the Communist Party in Philadelphia

[REDACTED]

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Informant [REDACTED] advised that ABE SOYLOV was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a member [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the CPEDD [REDACTED] b7D

APPENDIX

DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

National Lawyers Guild

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of 1/2/57 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, documents the National Lawyers Guild as follows:

"(1) Cited as a Communist front (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, 3/29/44, Page 149).

"(2) Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123, on the National Lawyers Guild, 9/21/50, originally released 9/17/50.)

"(3) 'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals on behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are ***the National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwar of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee Handbook for Americans, S. Doc: 117, 4/23/58, Page 21)"

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PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATES,
EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of 1/2/57 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as follows:

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate
Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans,
S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)

A confidential informant advised 12/21/57 and 1/6/58 that LEONARD BOUDIN, constitutional lawyer and legal counsel for Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, made a speech 12/20/57 accepting the Philadelphia Associates as a group to work with the national organization. This occurred at a Bill of Rights Day celebration, sponsored by the Philadelphia Associates, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia.

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PHILADELPHIA JEWISH CULTURAL CLUBS, aka
Jewish Cultural Clubs of Philadelphia

A confidential informant [REDACTED] advised as follows: **b7D**

The Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Clubs (PJCC), aka Jewish Cultural Clubs of Philadelphia, were formed [REDACTED] Actually the basis for the formation of the PJCC was laid [REDACTED] when it appeared certain that the International Workers Order (IWO) would be dissolved pursuant to an order of liquidation by the New York state courts.

SOL ROTENBERG, former Executive Director, Philadelphia Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO), IWO, in late 1953 laid the groundwork for the formation of the PJCC, using as a nucleus former JPFO, IWO members. In early 1954, he provided leadership in the establishment of the PJCC, and also set up the Coordinating Committee, PJCC, composed of delegates from the Culture Clubs of the PJCC. The purpose of this committee was to provide leadership, long-range planning and coordination of the activities of the various culture clubs.

A second confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that SOL ROTENBERG was a member of [REDACTED] Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPED) [REDACTED] this informant advised that [REDACTED] ROTENBERG was a member of the District Committee, CPED. **b7D**

A third confidential informant advised [REDACTED] that the PJCC continues to be active in Philadelphia, with the Sholem Aleichem Club being the largest, most active and aggressive in the PJCC. **b7D**

The "Morning Freiheit" issue of 4/14/57, columns 4-5, identified the other clubs of the PJCC as follows:

Wynnefield Jewish Culture Club
Uptown Mutual Aid Society
North East Culture Club
Strawberry Mansion Culture Club
South West Culture Club

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[REDACTED]

This informant also advised that the individual Culture Clubs are known by variations of the same general name, i. e., the South West Culture Club is also known as the South West Philadelphia Cultural Society, South West Cultural Farain, etc. **67D**

The International Workers Order and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised 1/2/57, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the "Morning Freiheit" as follows:

"A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'"

(Attorney General Francis Biddle,
Congressional Record, September 24, 1942,
p. 7686)

"The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action
Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75)

TEENS AHEAD

A confidential informant advised on [redacted] that [redacted] he learned [redacted] CAROL BROCKMAN, recently organized a group called "Teens Ahead" (TA), which is composed of youths 14 to 18 years of age, and which meets once a month.

A confidential informant on [redacted] advised that [redacted] SYLVIA BROCKMAN admitted she was a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD).

The 11/7/56 edition of the "Germantown Courier", a Philadelphia area newspaper, contained an article concerning TA. This article states the group was formed for the purpose of giving young people an opportunity to discuss issues that were not a part of their regular school curriculum and to meet boys and girls of different racial, religious, cultural and economic backgrounds.

A confidential informant [redacted] advised that he learned [redacted] that TA was an enlarged broad-type group which contained several LYL members. This informant [redacted] advised the Philadelphia LYL was dissolved on 10/21/56.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A confidential informant [redacted] advised that (MORTIMER) DANIEL RUBIN, a leading CP youth figure and a member of the District Committee, CPEPD [redacted] stated that members of the one CP Youth Club in Philadelphia had been very active in TA. RUBIN described TA as a group which was "progressive" in its character.

On [redacted] a confidential informant advised that SANDRA GORDON, a member of the CP Youth Club, [redacted] claimed she was chairman of TA.

[redacted] TA is no longer considered to be "socialist" based.

A confidential informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated that while the interest of the CP Youth forces had been directed away from TA to another youth group, there are still three members of the Youth Club of the CP who continue to work with TA as their CP "mass work assignment." The purpose of this assignment is to insure the CP will continue to maintain contact with the TA group.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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THE STUDY GROUP, aka
Lecture Series Group,
formerly known as Sunday Forum

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A confidential informant advised [redacted] that a discussion group known as the Sunday Forum was organized on September 30, 1956. Informant said that the participants in this group appeared to be predominantly "middle-aged Jewish professional group doctors, dentists, and businessmen of above-average income." To the informant's knowledge, no membership records are kept and no membership dues are collected. b7d

On [redacted] this informant advised that this group had decided to call itself the Study Group or the Lecture Series Group [redacted] b7d

On [redacted] informant advised that the group has been relatively inactive since March of 1958. The informant knows of no connection between The Study Group and the Communist Party; however, based upon remarks made by some of the participants in the group, some of the individuals appear to informant to be well-versed in Marxist ideology and conversant with the Communist Party line. b7d

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FEB 11 1950

Re: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference report of SA MARION E. HULLER dated and captioned as above at Philadelphia, Pa.

All confidential informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: February 13, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet 2-3-59 in captioned matter transmitting
a memorandum concerning [REDACTED] b7c,d

A copy of your memorandum concerning [REDACTED]
has been disseminated to Director of Naval Intelligence,
Washington, T. C. Concerning this individual, Bufiles
contain no references whatsoever to him. b7c,d

In the future you should submit similar types of
information under the proper case caption which, in this
particular instance, should have been the [REDACTED] caption.
The Bureau's decision is based upon the fact that information
furnished by your office relates entirely to the interview of
[REDACTED] and your letter of transmittal should have been
captioned the same as the enclosure. b7c,d

For your future guidance, your attention is directed
to Section 49B 2m, page 66, of the Agents' Handbook which pertains
to occasions when an organization listed in the various "Guides"
of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) is
mentioned in a report, the entire reference to the organization
as contained in the HCUA document should be set forth. On page
two of your memorandum on [REDACTED] the Bureau notes that you
have simply listed the particular page in the HCUA "Guide" where
characterization of the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee is set
forth. In accordance with the instructions set forth in the
Agents' Handbook, the full description of this committee should
have been set out. You will be expected to follow these
instructions in the future. b7c,d

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- 1/14*

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February 9th,
1959

Mr. Harvey G. Foster
FBI
201 East 69th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Foster:

The attached arrived at my desk in
the mail a day or so ago.

While obviously I am ignoring the
letter, I thought you would want a copy for your
files.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, (100-25530)

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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DATE: 2/15/59

On December 9, 1958, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing [REDACTED] the bank account of [REDACTED] captioned organization for the month of November, 1958. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. b7D, 1

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

The report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

- 2 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-10711 (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED] ("[REDACTED]")
- 4 - Chicago
 - 1 - [REDACTED] } b7C
 - 1 - [REDACTED] } b7D
 - 1 - [REDACTED] }

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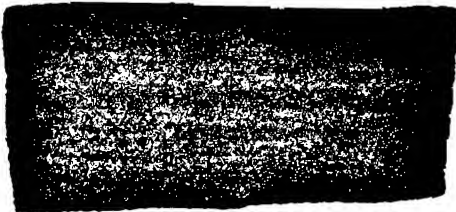
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			\$371.66
3	\$ 10.00		361.66
5		\$ 24.00	385.66
6	63.61		322.05
13	51.14		270.91
14	7.21		263.70
14		181.00	444.70
14	30.00		414.70
17	25.00		389.70
20	100.00		289.70
25	.75		288.95
26	16.03		272.92
26		143.00	415.92
28	23.00		392.92

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$ 10.00	The Nation	Manufacturers Trust - New York
63.61	HAVEN PERKINS (2nd End. Hyde Park Co-op. Soc.)	University National - Chicago
51.14	Great Northern Properties	American National - Chicago
7.21	Metropolitan Office Supply	Exchange National - Chicago
30.00	Cash	Us.
25.00	Cash	Us.
100.00	Committee to Secure Justice M. SOBELL	Corn Exchange - New York
.75	Service Charge	
16.03	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chicago
23.00	Praga Press	Kaspar American - Chicago

201 East 62nd Street,
New York 21, New York.

February 12, 1959



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Dear Sir:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of February 9, 1959, together with the enclosure.

Your interest in writing to this office is
indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
W. G. FOSBERG,
Special Agent in Charge.

RJR:DJG

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"Attending were the following people:

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"Chairing tonites Meeting: PEARL CHERTOV.
Secretary: FREDDA RAVAPORT.

"PEARL CHERTOV opened the affair with an inter-
duction on the activities of the above Committee.
PEARL said that the Committee had in the past
three weeks got out a mailing of over 5500 Morton
Sobell Petitions to the President of the United
States. They had also distributed over 10,000
copies of the letter titled, 'Text Of Statement On
The Morton Sobell Case By Carleton Beals,' to
various plants and factories throughout the Phila.
area. The Petitions are to be taken to Washington
December 15th 1958. PEARL introduced ROSE SOBELL
as the mother of MORTON SOBELL. ROSE SOBELL said,
that the whole country is awaking and ralling
around the Sobell Committee in its fight to right
the wrong and trumped up charges that has put her
son MORTON in prision. She said the tremendous
pressure that the committee has put on the various
VIPs in Washington resulted in MORTON SOBELL being
transferred from Alcatraz to Atlanta. ROSE SOBELL
said that MORTON told her he had a talk with the
Warden of Atlanta. The Warden told him he should
tell his wife to ease off a little in her activities
with the Sobell Committee. MORTON answered His wife
is of age and that he could not tell her what to do.
The Warden then told MORTON that it is his prerogga-
tive to send him, MORTON, back to Alcatraz.

"ROSE SOBELL said she spoke this past Friday nite
at SANDY BERLIN's house and they collected \$65.00
and the next nite she spoke at a sholum Aliecheum
group and collected \$54.00 informally on the side.

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"PEARL CHERTOV then made the collection pitch, stating that the money was needed for lawyers fees, pamphlets, etc. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

"The Meeting ended at about 10:30 P.M."

* * * *

[REDACTED] furnished the following items which are being b7D
retained as exhibits in [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] bearing signature of PEARL CHERTOV. b7D
2. A statement on the Sobell Case by CARLETON BEALS.
3. A petition to the President and a Xmas card to the President and Sobell.

The above items have previously been described.

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Reporting Office MINNEAPOLIS	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/13/59	Investigative Period 1/15-2/10/59
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Synopsis

The title of this case is being changed to more accurately reflect the relationship between the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL and the MINNESOTA COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, one of its locals.

REFERENCE

Report of SA EWALD I. CARLSON dated July 31, 1958, Minneapolis.

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Defense Committee

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will submit report in six months.

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Copy to: ONI, Chicago (RM)
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Report of: SA EWALD I. CARLSON
Date: 2/13/59

Office: Minneapolis

File Number: MP 100-8894
Bufile 100-387835

Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

LOCAL AFFILIATE: MINNESOTA COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C and SWP

Synopsis: Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, hereinafter referred to as MCSJMS, affiliated with the National Sobell Committee, with JEAN BRUST as chairman, a member of the National Committee. Function of National Committee is to gather information and support for each of its branches. Local officers of the MCSJMS consist of a chairman, a recording secretary, a treasurer and a social committee. In addition there is an enlarged working committee consisting primarily of all individuals active in MCSJMS. Other than regularly-scheduled meetings and socials, major activity of MCSJMS has been to originate and produce for national sale and distribution a Christmas card, half going to the President of the United States and half as a greeting to MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] Minnesota
Committee still controlled and dominated locally by SWP.

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In Reply, Please
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Minneapolis, Minnesota
February 13, 1959

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
LOCAL AFFILIATE: MINNESOTA COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C and SWP

Confidential informants referred to in the report of Special Agent Ewald I. Carlson dated February 13, 1959, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in captioned matter, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DETAILS:

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Origin and Affiliation

[REDACTED] stated that the Minnesota Sobell Committee was enlarged. It was the Sobell Committee of Chicago. Characterizations of [REDACTED] Local Committees and [REDACTED] on 7/18/58, advised substantially the same information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] TED JACOBS, publicity chairman of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, stated that the National Committee desired that all of the local committees designate one person from their respective localities to represent their group on the National Sobell Committee. [REDACTED] stated that the persons thus selected would form a national committee to work in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, which committee would determine the over-all policy of the organization. [REDACTED] further stated that from the framework of the National Committee would be picked an Executive Board, which would be charged with the implementation of the over-all policy established by the National Committee, a characterization of which is contained in the appendix hereto.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] JEAN BRUST was nominated as the representative of the MCSJMS to the National Sobell Committee. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] JEAN BRUST [REDACTED] had been elected by the MCSJMS to be a National Committee member. JEAN BRUST stated that the purpose of the National Committee was to gather information and support for the Sobell Committee in each of its branches, and its members would, in major decisions, be contacted in order that the views of the local branches in various sectors of the country would be manifested. b7d

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[REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] JEAN BRUST, of the Minnesota Committee, among others, had been appointed as a National Committee member. b7d

On February 2, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that the Sobell Committee was a national organization set up with the local branches or committees for the purpose of gaining justice for MORTON SOBELL, who had been sent to prison for conspiring to commit espionage against the United States of America.

[REDACTED] stated that the purpose of the National Committee and its branches was to obtain an Executive Pardon for MORTON SOBELL, if possible, and if not, at least a new trial. b7d

B. Officers

On February 2, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that the local officers of the MCSJMS were as follows: b7d

MP #100-8894

JEAN BRUST, Chairman
J. H. CARROLL, Treasurer
BILLIE MARKS, Recording Secretary
E. CARROLL)
LOIS ROSEN) Social Committee

[REDACTED] advised that in addition to the above, there is a working committee of the Sobell Committee, which includes, as its members, primarily all individuals who have been active in the area in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and would number some 30-odd individuals.

II. ACTIVITY

A. General

[REDACTED] advised July 22, 1958, that on June 30, 1958, members of various Sobell Committees throughout the Midwest attended a lawn party in Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] advised that among the branches represented at the above lawn party was the MCSJMS.

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[REDACTED] on October 8, 1958, advised that on October 5, 1958, a social was held at the home of CELIA SCHWARTZ, which social was sponsored by the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. [REDACTED] advised that approximately 26 persons attended and that the affair was run by SWP members. [REDACTED] further advised that at the above meeting a tape recording of a New York radio program entitled "Counterpoint" was played. This program was a recording in which ROY COHN, a governmental attorney, was questioned on the

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ROSENBERG and SOBELL cases. [REDACTED] advised that forthcoming plans to acquire an active Sobell Committee composed of a student group, and to gain supporters for the Sobell Committee from within the unions, were discussed.

[REDACTED] on December 18, 1958, advised substantially the same information as above. b7d

[REDACTED] advised during numerous periods from 1954 to 1956 that CELIA SCHWARTZ attended, and was active in, the Civil Rights Congress. b7d

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In March, 1958, [REDACTED] advised that CELIA SCHWARTZ was a member of the working committee of the MCSJMS. b7d

[REDACTED] on October 9, 1958, made available a letter written by [REDACTED]

as follows: b7d

[REDACTED] b7d
"Dear Friend:

"During these tumultuous days, it is sometimes hard to remember some of the small things. One of the small things of our day is the imprisonment of MORTON SOBELL. I say this is a small thing, because most of us do not remember his indictment and trial as a major event of our own lifetime. But, the imprisonment of one man is, after all, a very important matter. Surely the man himself, and his wife, find such happenings most significant. And, every American who thinks about his own freedoms, his status as a citizen, his rights as a critic of the world, cannot help but concern himself with MORTON SOBELL's present incarceration.

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"It has occurred to me, who enjoys the privileges of American life and society, how dangerously close we are at various times to destroying those things we value most. While I do not profess knowing all the details of the ROSENBERGS' and the SOBELL'S intentions and wishes - I couldn't even if I tried to do so - I am concerned about what the courts of America sometimes do. Certainly I know as you do that the courts are seeking justice, but I cherish as you do the right never to take for granted or to assume that judgments of a court are beyond analysis, recall, and correction.

"The SOBELL case is one of those troublesome affairs in our history that ought to give us pause. One more man in jail may not seem so much to anyone of us; but a little inquiry will show you, I believe, that the SOBELL case is more important than just another jail sentence. This kind of case brings us to the very roots of human rights. SOBELL's case is of importance to everyone who wants to be sure that evidence against men is clear, unequivocal, and not a function of hysteria and political persuasion.

"For reasons like these, I commend the interest of MORTON SOBELL to you. I suspect that it lies in your interest and mine to be concerned early and late with such questions. If justice is to be done in our land, everyone must be concerned not only with the cases where there is not doubt, but above all, with the cases where there is uncertainty and where political pressures tend always to operate.

"Sincerely yours,

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Sobell Committees from all over the country was to be held in Chicago October 25-26, 1958. JEAN BRUST stated she had been asked to attend the above meeting as a representative of the MCSJMS.

[REDACTED] advised that it was reported that TED JACOBS, of the national headquarters of the Sobell Committee, would be in Chicago for the above conference. b7d

[REDACTED] on October 22, 1958, advised substantially the same information as above. b7d

b7d [REDACTED] advised October 27, 1958, that the Chicago conference held on October 25-26, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, was restricted to high-level National Sobell functionaries. b7d

[REDACTED] TED JACOBS had abstracted from the management of the magazine entitled "The Nation" that it, "The Nation," would devote an entire edition of its publication to the cause of MORTON SOBELL. b7d

[REDACTED] ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, might visit Minneapolis in the immediate future.

[REDACTED] advised that there was a campaign on to speed up work on the petitions in order to have them finished by November 30, 1958, so that the petitions might be in the hands of the National Sobell Committee for presentation to U. S. Attorney General ROGERS during their appointment with him for the purpose of seeking a parole for MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] reported substantially the same information as above. In addition, [REDACTED] reported

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that the MCSJMS was to design and get printed for national distribution a double Christmas card, one half of which would be sent to the President of the United States urging action in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, and the other half would be sent to MORTON SOBELL himself, as expression of holiday greetings.

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advised that this discussion was a

44 [REDACTED] on December 8, 1958, made available certain information in possession of HOWARD DAVID HAMMOND and his wife, SARAH LICHTENBERG HAMMOND, Silver Springs, Maryland. Among the information made available was a letter addressed to Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, Park Central Apartments, 19-- "F" Street Northwest, Washington, D. C., dated June 21, 1958:

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"Dear Mrs. SOBELL:

"This is to inform you that I have written copies of the enclosed letter to Senators HUBERT HUMPHREY and EDWARD THYE and also to Representative EUGENE MC CARTHY. I only hope that they will in some way help to gain you an audience. The best of good fortune to you all.

"Sincerely,

Mrs. LOIS ROSEN
2010 Thure Avenue
St. Paul 16, Minnesota"

The letter referred to by LOIS ROSEN and which was sent to the above individuals is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"May I urge your consideration for Mrs. SOBELL, who is now in Washington to plead for justice for her son, MORTON. I am sure that you will find that your consideration of the facts lead you to the conclusion that he was wrongfully accused and imprisoned.

"Please interest yourself in this case."

[REDACTED] also made available a letter written on the stationery of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 715 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul 2, Minnesota, dated June 18, 1958, and addressed to SARAH HAMMOND and ROSE SOBELL, Park Central Apartments, Washington, D. C.:

"Dear SARAH and ROSE:

"Enclosed is copy of two letters. We have lined up at least half a dozen to write, and I hope you have received or will receive copies of all.

"It was hardest to get people to write to WEIR---for some reason none of our committee people live in his district! But we finally got a couple

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lined up, including Professor PAUL HOLMER...we are counting on his writing. People here feel there is a good chance of getting WEIR to sign the petition. Let us know!

"Reports sound very good. Good luck with the Minnesota people. Sorry we've been so slow on this.

"Warm regards _

"/s/ JEAN

"JEAN BRUST"

The "enclosed copy" mentioned above is as follows and was addressed to HUBERT HUMPHREY and Representative EUGENE MC CARTHY. Both letters bore the return address of 715 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul 2, Minnesota:

"Dear Sir:

"To many thoughtful citizens of this country, the Morton Sobell Case is the Dreyfus Case of our generation. To remedy the injustice of the Dreyfus Case took the devoted and courageous work of people who believed strongly in Civil liberties. To remedy the injustice of the case of MORTON SOBELL will take the same courage, the same devotion to right, and justice in the face of prejudice and emotionalism.

"We feel deeply that this case is a blot on the conscience of America. Because we believe that you have the necessary courage and devotion to justice, we urge you to receive ROSE SOBELL, MORTON's mother. Mrs SOBELL is now in Washington seeking justice for her son. Please see and talk to her, and study the facts of this case. We feel sure you will then do everything in your power to hold her and others to right this wrong.

"Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM Z. BRUST"

Also made available by [REDACTED] was an envelope postmarked June 18, 1958, and addressed to Mrs. ROSE SOBELL,

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Park Central Apartments, Washington, D. C. The envelope bore the return address of JULIA E. ZUBAY, 4620 - 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis 9, Minnesota, and contained copies of two identical letters which were addressed to Senators HUBERT HUMPHREY and E. THYE, reading as follows:

"We have within the past year learned the facts in the MORTON SOBELL Case. There is overwhelming evidence that MORTON SOBELL is innocent and that a great injustice has been done. Not only do we feel a great concern for this man who has suffered so much unjustly, but how can any of us feel secure in our freedom while he is in prison!

"Many eminent people in the United States have given time and attention to the SOBELL Case. It certainly should have the attention and consideration of our law makers.

"Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, MORTON's mother, is in Washington this month seeing members of the Senate and Congress. I am sending her a copy of this letter and asking her to call on you.

"Will you please give the MORTON SOBELL Case your careful attention.

"Thank you.

"Respectfully yours,

"JULIA E. ZUBAY
RALPH A. ZUBAY"

A third letter, addressed to Dr. WALTER JUDD, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., was also enclosed and read:

"Since we have received several questionnaires from you regarding views on various questions which concern us all, we know that you want to be informed of your constituents' viewpoints.

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"We are writing you now because we want you to know that we believe a great injustice has been done to MORTON SOBELL. There is overwhelming evidence that...left to rot in jail, how can any of us feel secure in our freedom?"

This letter was then concluded with the identical last two paragraphs as set forth above and was signed by JULIA E. ZUBAY and RALPH A. ZUBAY.

Also made available was a letter addressed to Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, Park Central Apartments, from ARTHUR W. HOPKINS, 513 West 25th Street, Minneapolis 5, Minnesota, and postmarked June 16, 1958. This letter contained a copy of a letter written to WALTER JUDD, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., as follows:

"Dear Congressman JUDD:

"I have been informed by the Minnesota Committee for Justice for MORTON SOBELL that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON, is striving to meet as many Congressmen as possible in order to acquaint them with the facts in the case of her son who is imprisoned at Leavenworth as a result of false testimony and mass hysteria during the ROSENBERG, Atom Spy trial.

"There are very many persons including this writer, who feel that the imprisonment of MORTON SOBELL is as great an act of injustice as was that of ALFRED DREYFUSS in France. It was proved in the Dreyfuss Case that his imprisonment was a coldly calculated political move inspired by his political enemies, and in the case of MORTON SOBELL there is a great mass of proof that his imprisonment is also politically inspired by the Reactionaries of this day.

"I, therefore, ask you to see Mrs. ROSE SOBELL when she comes to Washington to interview Congressmen with a view to having the case of her son considered by the Congress of the United States. I know you share my horror of injustice, hence this appeal to you to at least give Mrs. SOBELL a hearing. As OLIVER

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CROMWELL appealed to the Church of Scotland in 1650,
'I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ think it
possible you may be mistaken.'

"Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR W. HOPKINS"

On February 4, 1959, [REDACTED] characterized
JULIA E. and RALPH A. ZUBAY and ARTHUR W.
HOPKINS as current SWP members and members
of the working committee of the MCSJMS. b7d

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised
that on November 22, 1958, a book auction and party was held
at the home of MERIDEL LE SUEUR, which party was sponsored by
the Sobell Committee for the purpose of raising funds for
MORTON SOBELL to enable the committee to take SOBELL's case
back into the courts. b7d

[REDACTED] on November 5, 1958, identified
MERIDEL LE SUEUR as a present member of
the State Committee and State Board of
the Minnesota-Dakotas Communist Party.

The Communist Party, USA, has been desig-
nated by the Attorney General of the
United States pursuant to Executive Order
10450.

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[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d advised that on December 27, 1958, a social was held at the home of LOIS ROSEN, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of raising money for the MCSJMS.

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[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was announced that the MCSJMS project of originating and selling for national distribution Christmas cards in behalf of MORTON SOBELL had been a huge success and that approximately \$150.00 profit had been made on the project. b7d

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IV. RAMIFICATIONS

[REDACTED] discussed the
Hellman Committee and stated it was being allowed to die

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because it contained two SWP members among its committee members, and that it is feared that they might take over the Hellman Committee as they did the MCSJMS. Characterizations of the Minnesota Freedom of the Press Committee and the Hellman Committee are contained in the appendix hereto.

b7d [REDACTED] advised that SWP member [REDACTED] remarked that there had been some pulling away from the Sobell Committee by the Communists and that the SWP should make an effort to get together with the Communist Party so that both the SWP and the CP could work together in connection with the Sobell Committee.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that the Communist Party cannot desert the Sobell Committee merely because of its SWP domination.

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APPENDIX

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

The Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report "Trial by Treason," dated August 25, 1956, page 124, cited the Chicago Sobell Committee as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

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**COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, aka
Minnesota Committee for Freedom of the
Press, Freedom of the Press Committee,
Minnesota Freedom of Press Committee,
Minnesota-Dakotas Freedom of the Press
Committee**

The
aim of this organization at that time was to agitate contin-
ually against closing of Communist Party offices, arrest of
Communist Party leaders, and to fight any measures that might
stop circulation of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Commu-
nist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13,
1958.

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A confidential informant advised on November 25, 1958, that the primary purpose of this group is to provide support for the "Worker" and that this support, solicited mainly from "Worker" readers, is both of a financial and active political nature. The majority of members of this committee are either active members or supporters of the local Communist Party, including the chairman and secretary of the committee. This source advised that the Minnesota FOPC is definitely part of the National FOPC. According to this source, the committee is frequently referred to as the Minnesota Committee for Freedom of the Press, more commonly referred to as the Freedom of the Press Committee.

The Communist Party, USA (CP), and the National Committee for Freedom of the Press have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly news-
paper.

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COMMITTEE TO AID JOHN HELLMAN

A confidential source advised on July 2, 1958, that the John Hellman Defense Committee in Minneapolis, Minnesota, originated at a meeting held on June 26, 1958, at the home of MERIDEL LE SUEUR in Minneapolis. LE SUEUR had testified at the trial of JOHN HELLMAN, Communist Party functionary in Montana, who was convicted in June, 1958, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The purpose of the committee, according to a second confidential source on September 13, 1958, was to raise funds for HELLMAN. This second source advised the committee was formed by the Communist Party, Minnesota-Dakotas District, and identified LE SUEUR as a member of the Minnesota State Communist Party Board. The same source further advised on January 9, 1959, that this committee was, as of January, 1959, officially regarded by the Minnesota-Dakotas District of the Communist Party, USA, as being defunct.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist' campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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**ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**

The Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report "Trial by Treason," dated August 25, 1956, page 83, cited the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as the name subsequently adopted by the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, a local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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Synopsis: As of February, 1959, headquarters of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) was located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. Informant advised in December, 1957, that the LASC, from its inception, dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. As of February, 1959, LASC composed of four chapters, Los Angeles area, Long Beach, San Pedro, and West Los Angeles. As of February, 1959, WIDGE NEWMAN was the only paid functionary of the LASC. Other officers set forth in details.

Major appeal during the latter part of 1958 was an appeal for amnesty for SOBELL by postcards to President EISENHOWER. Numerous meetings of the LASC held to further the aims of the organization. Subversive ramifications indicated through connections with Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party, and "People's World."

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DETAILS:

For purposes of brevity the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will hereinafter be referred to as the LASC, and the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case will be referred to as the NCSJRC.

I. HEADQUARTERS OF THE LASC

b7d [REDACTED] (2/6/59)

As of February 6, 1959, the headquarters of the LASC was located at Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

b7d [REDACTED] (2/9/59)

As of February 9, 1959, the Long Beach Chapter of the LASC maintained an address of Post Office Box 5053, North Long Beach Branch Post Office, 3800 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

II. ORIGIN

b7d [REDACTED] (12/17/57)

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67, as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles *** The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee ***.'"

Informant advised that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall

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of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP) through the assignment of CP members to direct the activities of the committees.

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[REDACTED] (7/27/53)

As of July 27, 1953, SOPHIE DAVIDSON was a CP member.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta.

III. SCOPE

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[REDACTED] (2/6/59)

As of February 6, 1959, the LASC was composed of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, Long Beach Chapter, San Pedro Chapter, and West Los Angeles Chapter.

Informant advised that during the past six months other Sobell groups, such as the Fresno Sobell group, had worked intermittently with the LASC but had not yet become recognized as full-fledged active groups, although they did conduct some fund raising affairs on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

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On July 24, 1958, informant furnished a copy of a mimeographed letter put out by the BACSC. The letter advised in part that WIDGE NEWMAN, paid organizer for the Los Angeles area for the past three years, had met with San Francisco representatives on July 2, 1958, to discuss the possibility of her working in the San Francisco area on a temporary basis. The letter announced a meeting to be held on July 30, 1958, to discuss the proposal of NEWMAN coming to San Francisco.

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[REDACTED] spoke to those present, suggesting ways to raise money for their Sobell Committees.

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On December 12, 1958, informant advised that WIDGE
NEWMAN would be in San Francisco working with the BACSC
for at least two days in December, 1958. *cc*

IV. OFFICERS

Other officers and members of the staff of the IASC were as follows:

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DOROTHY MAYR, Treasurer

EVELYN BURKETT, Recording Secretary

Officers of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, also known as the Metro Chapter, informant named as follows:

JANET GOLDSTEIN, Chairman

EVELYN BURKETT, Treasurer

EDYTHE MARGOLIS, Recording Secretary

CAROL BEAN, Alternate Recording Secretary

DOROTHY MAYR, Corresponding Secretary.

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IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN

[REDACTED] (1/12/55 and 1/17/55)

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IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) while attending New York University, New York City, from 1943 to 1945.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DOROTHY MAYR

[REDACTED] (12/14/58)

On December 14, 1958, DOROTHY MAYR was elected by the members of the Zapata Section to be the Literature Director of the Zapata Section, Southern California District, Communist Party (SCDCP) for the ensuing year.

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EVELYN BURKETT

[REDACTED] (11/29/50) b7d

As of November 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (See Appendix).

JANET GOLDSTEIN

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[REDACTED] JANET GOLDSTEIN was voted into membership in the LAL-SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

EDYTHE MARGOLIS, nee Cohen

[REDACTED] (November, 1950)

EDYTHE COHEN was a member of the CP in the Chicago, Illinois area in 1939.

CAROL BEAN

No other information of a subversive nature is known concerning CAROL BEAN.

V. MEMBERSHIP

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On June 17, 1958, informant furnished general information concerning the NCSJRC and advised that at that time the "West Coast Committees" were the chief financial supporters of the NCSJRC.

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VII. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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[REDACTED] (9/11/58)

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She stated the LASC did not believe MORTON SOBELL would obtain a Presidential Pardon, but "the main thorn of the U. S. Government will be when the time comes for his parole in about two years."

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Reverend PETER MC CORMACK

(7/17/57)

Reverend PETER MC CORMACK had become very friendly with MORTON SOBELL, a prisoner at Alcatraz, in 1957. Informant said MC CORMACK would go directly to the work area, call SOBELL aside and engage in extended conversations. Informant stated that when the staff of Alcatraz recommended against SOBELL's transfer to another prison, MC CORMACK praised SOBELL and said "he was one of the finest men I have ever met." MC CORMACK urged that the staff recommend the transfer.

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Informant advised that although he had no proof he could not help but feel that Reverend MC CORMACK was being

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used by SOBELL and his wife to carry information to and from Alcatraz by word of mouth as a "go-between" for SOBELL and the Sobell Defense Committee.

(8/14/57)

Informant advised that the name of "Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, Protestant Chaplain, Alcatraz, California," appeared on a list of names under the date of March 11, 1957, entitled "Appeal to the President Seeking Clemency from President EISENHOWER in Behalf of MORTON SOBELL."

b7d The "San Francisco Examiner," a San Francisco, California, daily newspaper, published an article on November 13, 1957, which reflected that Alcatraz Warden PAUL MADIGAN stated that Reverend PETER MC CORMACK was dismissed from Alcatraz as Protestant Chaplain, simply because MC CORMACK could not function in harmony with the prison's disciplinary standards.

On April 16, 1958, the "San Francisco Examiner" stated that Alcatraz Warden PAUL MADIGAN said that "one of the reasons" MC CORMACK was asked to leave Alcatraz in November, 1957, was because MC CORMACK signed a petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, a convicted spy who was sentenced to 30 years on charges of espionage.

(4/30/58)

Informant advised Reverend PETER MC CORMACK spoke at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York City, New York, on April 21, 1958, at which time MC CORMACK said that he had lost his position at Alcatraz because he had openly come out in support of SOBELL's innocence. He praised SOBELL as being loyal to his home and country and found him to be a man of great mind and learning. MC CORMACK felt privileged to be a friend of MORTON SOBELL.

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B. Los Angeles Area Chapter Meetings

On July 5, 1958, a buffet dinner was held by the LASC at 1283 South Redondo Boulevard, Los Angeles.

On August 30, 1958, a barbecue for the benefit of the LASC was held at 1283 South Redondo Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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[REDACTED] A tape recording regarding SOBELL was played, and those present were requested to see their Congressman if possible and obtain signatures on petitions for SOBELL.

b7d [REDACTED] further advised those present were requested to ask their Congressman not to vote funds for the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

[REDACTED] (10/16/58)

On October 11, 1958, a dinner honoring Reverend PETER MC CORMACK (supra) was held at 464 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. The cost of the dinner was \$2.50 per person. Approximately 150 persons were present, and a "pitch" was made which brought in \$296. Reverend MC CORMACK spoke about meeting SOBELL and stated he was "impressed by the high caliber" of SOBELL. Reverend MC CORMACK spoke about his dismissal as Chaplain at Alcatraz because he "came too close to the hearts of the prisoners."

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On November 29, 1958, a "post Thanksgiving dinner" was held for the benefit of the LASC at 1283 South Redondo Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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On December 12 and 13, 1958, a rummage sale for the benefit of the LASC was held at 2831 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, [REDACTED]

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On December 20, 1958, a musical for the benefit of the LASC was held at 2450 Armstrong Avenue, Los Angeles.

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C. Long Beach and San Pedro Chapters [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] then read the last
will and testament of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

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On [REDACTED] a cocktail party was held to
raise funds for the Long Beach Chapter [REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] a fund raising affair for the
benefit of the Long Beach Chapter was held at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that Reverend MC CORMACK in his speech stated "all prisoners at Alcatraz are rehabilitated and should be turned free to take their place in society." He stated "had their been no Mc Carthyism, MORTON SOBELL would never have been sentenced to such an institution as Alcatraz."

[REDACTED] fund raising benefit was held by the Long Beach Chapter

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b7d The PW is a West Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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MC CORMACK spoke about SOBELL's trial and imprisonment and stated SOBELL was imprisoned illegally.

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On December 14, 1958, a speech was given by Reverend MC CORMACK at the Unitarian Church, Maple and Balch Avenues, Fresno, California. Reverend MC CORMACK spoke about the conditions in Alcatraz prison. After his speech most of the questions were relative to SOBELL and the Rosenberg case. Reverend MC CORMACK stated he did not believe SOBELL or the ROSENBERGS had received fair trials. Informants stated no sponsor was announced for this meeting.

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B. Implementation of the CP Line

In "The Worker" of May 13, 1956, page 4, appeared an article which read in part as follows:

"A motion in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, based on a petition and exhibits which set forth 'the prosecution's new use of perjured evidence and its suppression of the facts,' was filed in U. S. Federal Court . . .

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"The motion asks that a hearing be held to determine the facts and the laws, and that either the sentence be set aside and SOBELL freed or that a new trial be granted.

"By the willful and intentional use of perjurious testimony by the prosecution, SOBELL was denied a fair trial, and wrongfully incarcerated in Alcatraz on a 30 year sentence, said the petition . . ."

"The Worker" was the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," which was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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C. Connections with the SWP

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[REDACTED] the SWP would continue to work in the Sobell Committee."

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[REDACTED] it was suggested
that SWP members working on the Sobell case should press
for an "International Board of Inquiry" which would bring
pressure to bear upon the United States from other nations.
It was pointed out that the "Sobell Committee would get
nowhere approaching Congressmen." b7d

D. Miscellaneous

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AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

The FBI has never conducted an investigation of the American Civil Liberties Union. It is noted that the Fifth Report of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities (1949) notes the following: "American Civil Liberties Union: Cited as heavily infiltrated with Communists and fellow travelers and frequently following the Communist Party line and defending Communists, particularly in its Los Angeles unit. (California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, pages 108-12.)"

In connection with the foregoing citation the following is noted: In January, 1955, an official of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities advised that a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union contacted the Committee to discuss the above citation. At that time this individual advised that two members of the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles had been expelled because of their pro-Communist sympathies. On May 27, 1955, a representative of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities advised that the status of the American Civil Liberties Union, insofar as the Committee's evaluation is concerned, has not been changed and that the Committee's past characterizations of the American Civil Liberties Union remain the same.

In connection with the above, it is noted that the 34th Annual Report of the American Civil Liberties Union (for the year 1954) re-affirms the anti-Communist and anti-Fascist policy of the American Civil Liberties Union and maintains also that it will defend the civil liberties of all persons regardless of any political party, organization, denomination, race or nationality to which a person may belong.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities Report on the National Lawyers' Guild, House Report No. 3123, dated September 21, 1950, cited the National Lawyers' Guild as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, aka Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations" (revised January 2, 1957) page 132, stated this organization is cited as "one of the major Communist dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pages 392 and 393).

An informant advised on January 4, 1956, that the Los Angeles Chapter was dissolved on January 3, 1956.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a "Communist front" by the United States Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

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THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, The Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC), and The Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, and prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on Page 60, reflects the following paragraphs concerning the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--A Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050-6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30)"

The "People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, on April 21, 1952, page 6, column 5, published an article entitled "Rosenberg case expert due in San Francisco," which reflected that WILLIAM A. REUBEN, identified in the article as a former public relations director for the American Civil Liberties Union and in April, 1952, a reporter for the "National Guardian," would speak in San Francisco on April 27, 1952, under the auspices of the recently organized San Francisco Provisional Committee to Secure Justice for Ethel and


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Julius Rosenberg. The headquarters of the Provisional San Francisco Committee was set out as 760 Hayes Street, San Francisco..

On page 6, columns 4 and 5 of this issue, the "People's World" also printed an article which reflected that a proposition would be made at the meeting on April 27, 1952, to make the provisional committee a permanent San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

The "People's World" on April 25, 1952, page 3, column 5, published an article which reflected that the Rosenberg Committee in New York had made an emergency appeal for funds from the San Francisco Committee, and stated that contributions and loans should be sent to the Rosenberg Committee, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City.



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A second confidential source on March 27, 1956, furnished the November, 1955 issue of the Sobell Newsletter issued by the Bay Area Council of the Sobell Committees, which published an article which stated that the BACSC would coordinate the work of the several Sobell Committees in the San Francisco area.

A third confidential source advised on September 20, 1956 that the BACSC was an integral part of the National Sobell Committee and received instructions and literature from the National Sobell Committee.

A fourth confidential source advised on January 4, 1957, that the Chairman of the East Bay Sobell Committee, one of the groups in the BACSC, stated in 1956, that there was no difference between the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees (NCCSC) and the BACSC, and that the NCCSC had been formed to focus attention on the Morton Sobell case, and, as outlying Sobell Committees were formed they would send representatives to the meetings in San Francisco.

A fifth confidential source advised on May 12, 1958, that the BACSC is continuing to function and is planning BACSC affairs for the coming summer months.

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XII. EXHIBITS

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1

Letter on the letterhead of "The Sobell Committee" entitled "The Legacy", signed by "WIDGE NEWMAN; for the Committee."

Exhibit 2

Letter put out by the LASC captioned "PAUL L. HOLMER, Professor of Philosophy, University of Minnesota," and signed in the same manner as the caption.

Exhibit 3

Flyer captioned "Will you Add Freedom to your Monthly Budget?" signed by WIDGE NEWMAN for the Committee.

Exhibit 4

Double postcard distributed by the LASC with Exhibit 3, above: a) postcard addressed to President EISENHOWER, the White House, Washington, D.C., and b) postcard addressed to MORTON SOBELL in Atlanta Prison wishing him "Season's Greetings."

Exhibit 5

Letter addressed to "Dear Mrs. SOBELL," signed CARLETON BEALS." This letter was distributed by the LASC, together with Exhibit 3, above.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

February 16, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 100-41648

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE; LOS ANGELES
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

All informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Lloyd D. Johnson at Los Angeles, California, dated as above, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

SAC, Washington Field (100-25474)

February 16, 1959

Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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You are instructed to institute an investigation of the activities of Katz in relation to his lobbying efforts on behalf of the Sobell Committee. Determine his present whereabouts, whether an office has been opened and be particularly alert to information of logical interest to the Bureau relating to his plans, particularly his contact of Congressmen and Senators in an effort to influence these individuals on behalf of the Sobell cause. Information concerning Katz' activities should be furnished to the Bureau promptly under instant case caption in memorandum form suitable for dissemination, six copies being furnished the Bureau. A copy should be designated for Katz' Bureau file which is 100-23145.

This matter should be closely followed in view of the fact that inquiries may be directed to the Bureau relative to this individual's activities.

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References

Report of SA WALTER M. BRADY dated August 11, 1958, at Boston.
New York letter to Albany dated September 30, 1958 (Inter-office).
WFO letter to Director dated December 24, 1958.

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THE BOSTON DIVISION

At Harwichport, Massachusetts:

Will identify B. LORRAINE GORING.

At Greenfield, Massachusetts:

Will identify ELLSWORTH or MARY BARNARD

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At Wellfleet, Massachusetts:

Will identify LUKE WILSON.

At Gloucester, Massachusetts:

Will identify DANNY WEITZMAN.

At Boston, Massachusetts:

Will follow and report any subversive activity on the part of the captioned organization.

Will be alert for any indication that one of the members of the Boston Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has been chosen to represent this group on the National Committee of the captioned organization.

Informants

Identity

Location in File

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Chemical Corn Exchange Bank,
20th Street and 5th Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.
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BS T-3 is [REDACTED] b7d

BS T-4 is [REDACTED]

BS T-5 is [REDACTED]

(By request)

The informants contacted with negative results mentioned in this report are identified as [REDACTED] by SA JAMES B. STEPHENSON on December 22, 1958, and [REDACTED] by SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN on December 27, 1958.

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Administrative

It is to be noted that the information furnished by [REDACTED] to SA ANTHONY CONSTANTINO was made available on an extremely confidential basis [REDACTED] of the account of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, by [REDACTED] and that the bank is not in any position to testify or offer evidence regarding the information furnished on these deposits:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check</u>
B. LORRAINE GORING	\$10.00	6/11/58	Cape Cod Trust Company, Harwichport, Mass.
ELLSWORTH or MARY BARNARD	5.00	7/58	National Bank and Trust Company of Greenfield, Greenfield, Mass.

In the event information of this source is disseminated, it should be noted that the bank is no longer in possession of the basic documents from which the deposit information was obtained.

[REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1958, that among the information in the possession of HOWARD and SARAH HAMMOND, Silver Springs, Maryland, was a scrap of paper on which appeared the names of LUKE WILSON, Wellfleet, Massachusetts, and DANNY WEITZMAN, Gloucester, Massachusetts. b2

[REDACTED] identified HOWARD HAMMOND on March 18, 1957, as having attended the third part of the Section Convention of the Upper West Side Section of the New York County Communist Party held on January 17, 1957.

[REDACTED] advised that as of June 7, 1958, SARAH HAMMOND was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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This report is being classified "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~" to protect the information furnished by BS [redacted] and [redacted] which reasonably could be attributed to them, and thus lead to the possibility of their identities being disclosed.

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DETAILS:

BS T-1 advised on June 27, 1958, that B. LORRAINE GORING, Harwichport, Massachusetts, was in communication with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York, on June 11, 1958. Characterization of this organization is contained in the Appendix hereof.


BS T-1 advised also that in July, 1958, ELLSWORTH or MARY BARNARD, Greenfield, Massachusetts, was in communication with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.

It is to be noted that the information furnished by BS T-1 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage. On April 5, 1951, MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of thirty years.

It is noted that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death by Trial Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN on April 5, 1951. The ROSENBERGS were executed on June 19, 1953, at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

BS T-2 advised on December 5, 1958, that SUE KORITZ, 1207 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, Massachusetts, had been scheduled to receive a copy of the film of "HELEN" on television, which she needed for Boston's party on July 12, 1958.



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BS T-4 further advised on July 24, 1958, that he had no information as to the frequency of meetings of the Boston Sobell Committee.

BS T-4 advised on April 28, 1958, that SALLY CHRISTIANSON was Secretary-Treasurer of the Boston Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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BS T-3 advised on January 12, 1959 that BEN LANDEY was a member of the District Committee of the Communist Party, USA, New England District.

BS T-5 advised on February 28, 1958, that JEAN LANDEY of Sharon, Massachusetts, had remained an active member of the Communist Party as of that date.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, reviewed on January 2, 1959, reflect no record for Subject organization.

Informants of the Boston Office who have knowledge of some phases of Communist Party activity in the Boston area, advised in December, 1958, that they had no information pertaining to this organization.

APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120, states as follows:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin."

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91, states as follows:

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

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JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL;
BOSTON DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Walter M. Brady, dated and captioned as above, at Boston, Massachusetts.

All informants mentioned in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Report of: SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

Office: NEW YORK

Date: 19 FEB 1959

File Number: Bufile 100-387835;
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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: The National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell maintains rooms at 940 Broadway, Room D, NYC. Officers of record are HELEN L. SOBELL, President, and JENNIE RATNER, Secretary-Treasurer. Daily functioning of the committee is under direction of TED JACOBS, LEAH SCHNEIDER, JUDY SWETSKY and AARON KATZ in the NY area, WIDGE NEWMAN on the West Coast, and SARAH L. HAMMOND in the Washington, D.C. area, according to informants. Members of the National Committee set forth. Purpose of the CSJMS is to free MORTON SOBELL from prison and to obtain his release by means of executive clemency petition.

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DETAILS:

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following on page 60 concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell In The Rosenberg Case:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' code-fendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin, (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp.118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p.30.)"

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The National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell and the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell will be referred to in this report by the initials NCSJMS and CSJMS. The Sobell Committee will be referred to, where appropriate, by the initials SC.

The Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A. PURPOSE AND MOTIVATING
FORCE OF COMMITTEE

[REDACTED] advised on February 11, 1959, that the CSJMS was formed after the Rosenberg execution for the purpose of securing the freedom of MORTON SOBELL, convicted as a codefendant of the ROSENBERGS. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the CSJMS, [REDACTED] advised all Sobell Committee supporters that it desired each area to designate one person who would represent their group and serve on the National Committee of the CSJMS. [REDACTED] the National Committee would select an [REDACTED] b7d

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Executive Board, which would meet at appointed times, and would also determine policy which would then be carried out by the Executive Board.

[REDACTED] advised on February 11, 1959, that there was no National Committee of the CSJMS as such, but that a loosely knit group of VIP's (Very Important Persons) acted to form and coordinate policy. [REDACTED] said that various State and City Sobell Committees were autonomous in that they were self-supporting and carried out the policy set forth by the National Committee as they saw fit. [REDACTED] said that the National Committee was more concerned with the legal aspects of the case. [REDACTED] said that the National Committee at present has representatives from the various City and State Committees, but that the motivating force is the New York Committee, which is centered around the activities of: TED JACOBS, LEAH SCHNEIDER, JUDY SWETSKY and AARON KATZ.

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[REDACTED] advised on November 7, 1956, that a photograph of WILLIAM WOLF was identical to an individual whom the informant knew to be TED JACOBS of the CSJMS.

[REDACTED] advised on December 18, 1956, that WILLIAM WOLF was an "old Party hack" who was active in the youth movements in the CP. [REDACTED] advised that he had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS.

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On January 20, 1955. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] advised that SWETSKY had never admitted CP membership, but had mentioned interest in the activities of the Young Communist League (YCL).

The YCL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY
OF THE CSJMS

[REDACTED] made available on June 20, 1958, a printed newspaper type throwaway dated June, 1958, entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done - Published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", which lists the following adjunct committees: b7d

National Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell
940 Broadway, New York City, New York
Phone: AL 4-9983

Los Angeles Sobell Committee
462 North Western Avenue
Los Angeles, California
Phone: Hollywood 4-4725

Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees
345 Franklin
San Francisco, California
Phone: UN 1-1334

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Chicago Sobell Committee
20 West Jackson
Chicago, Illinois
Phone: Webster 9-5992

Syracuse Sobell Committee
1009 Cumberland Avenue
Syracuse, New York
Phone: GRanite 2-2406

St. Louis Sobell Committee
3715 LaSalle Street
St. Louis, Missouri
Phone: Prospect 1-8540

Minnesota Sobell Committee
715 South Lexington Parkway
St. Paul, Minnesota
Phone: Midway 8-3340

Milwaukee Sobell Committee
914 North Plankinton Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Phone: BR 2-1130

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[REDACTED] made available on August 12, 1958,
a printed newsletter dated July, 1958, issued by the
CSJMS which reads in part as follows:

"The last month has seen a sharp increase in
comment on the Rosenberg-Sobell case in the press and over
the airways. The NEW REPUBLIC, noted liberal magazine,
published a significant editorial on June 30 surveying the
Rosenberg case after five years and asserted that the case
'can never be finished' because of the manner in which it
ended. While the magazine contends there is little doubt

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"that the Rosenbergs were guilty, the editorial hits the ferocity of the punishment, the brutish objective in the final days before the execution; in short, the atmosphere of the tumbril rolling to the guillotine and the heads being shown to the mob.' The magazine ranks the case as one of the three that 'rest uneasily on the conscience,' the other two being the Hiss and Oppenheimer cases...

"Estimates are that more than one million people in nine states heard the case of Morton Sobell, and that of the Rosenbergs, discussed over two June radio programs on station WNEW in New York. Professor William Kunstler of New York University devoted one week of his 'Counterpoint' program to questioning Roy Cohn as to the prosecution's position. The following week he presented Professor Malcolm Sharp of the University of Chicago to be interviewed on why he thought an injustice had been done.... Rose Sobell Morton's mother, was interviewed on a leading radio program in Washington, D.C. She appeared on the Steve Allison show on station WWDC, which has a wide listening audience... An interview with Helen Sobell was broadcast on the CBS radio affiliate in Detroit... A Cleveland station broadcast an interview with Sobell Committee representative Haven Perkins... In Minneapolis, the Sobell case was discussed on the 'Open Mike' program...

"CONCENTRATION IN WASHINGTON--As a result of letters being written to Senators and Congressmen from many parts of the country, there has been increasing success in getting lawmakers in Washington to look into the Sobell case....

"SEARCH FOR NEW EVIDENCE--Morton Sobell's wife, Helen, and our attorneys are now in Mexico City following up possible leads on new evidence in the case....

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"MORE NOTED AMERICANS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT--The list of persons appealing to Pres. Eisenhower to end Morton Sobell's imprisonment continues to grow....

"NEW READERS OF TRIAL RECORD--Ads for the new edition of the complete transcript of the Rosenberg-Sobell trial (boxed set of 8 volumes, \$6) are appearing in law journals and other publications...."

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